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U.S. WORK PERMITS FOR H-4 VISA TO BE AUTO-RENEWED

Joe Biden's administration settles class-action lawsuit to allow automatic extension of permits for up to six months

BIG RELIEF FOR INDIAN-ORIGIN EMPLOYEES

Thousands of Indian women have been caught in a months-long backlog for receiving work permits under the programme that allows spouses of H-1B holders to be employed in the US. Many women lost their ability to work or even their jobs due to processing delays caused by Covid-19 as well as a Trump-era policy requiring fresh fingerprints in renewal applications

I-94 DOCUMENT SHOULD REMAIN VALID

The latest policy change is the result of a lawsuit by The American Immigration Lawyers Association on behalf of immigrant spouses. Reports say applicants will have to get H-4 visas stamped for the auto-extension, which can happen until the I-94 expires or 180 days from the expiration of the prior permit, whichever is sooner

90,000

H-4 HOLDERS, MOST OF THEM FROM INDIA, HAVE GOTTEN WORK PERMITS

Factory output slows to 3.1%, retail inflation up by 4.48%

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA'S industrial production growth slowed down to 3% in September, a seven-month low, on account of chip shortage, coal mining disruption, and normalisation of base effect, as per data from the National Statistical Office on Friday.

Manufacturing sector's output surged 2.7% in September, mining output grew 8.6% and power generation 0.9%. India's industrial production, measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), had grown by 1% in September 2020. Despite the festive season, consumer durables output was 2% lower than a year ago, while consumer non-durables was down 0.5%.



Experts found it a bit disappointing. "No doubt festive demand is finding reflection in the year-on-year growth but the consumption demand after Covid 1.0 & 2.0 still has not reached to the level that output could reach or surpass the pre-Covid period," said Sunil Kumar Sinha, principal economist, India Ratings.

Aditi Nayar, chief economist, ICRA, said supply side issues in the auto sector are still a dampener. "We expect the high base to keep the IIP growth lacklustre at under 2.5%" in October.

Meanwhile retail inflation, measured by Consumer Price Index, rose marginally in October to 4.48% due to an uptick in food and fuel prices.

EXPRESS READ

Suicide bomber among three militants killed in J&K

Srinagar: Three militants, including a 'fedayeen' (suicide bomber), have been gunned down in two separate encounters in Jammu and Kashmir. A 'Mujahideen Gazwatul Hind' militant, who was assigned to carry out a suicide attack in Srinagar, was killed, while a Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) district commander was among the two ultras slain in an encounter in Kulgam, police said. The 'fedayeen' militant was a relative of one of the accused in the February 2019 Pulwama suicide attack.

Women win fight as SC warns Army of contempt

Court had told Centre to issue permanent commission to 39 officers within 7 days, but Army kept dragging feet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

HOURS after the Supreme Court threatened to haul up the Army for contempt, the latter on Friday assured will offer Permanent Commission (PC) to all eligible women officers soon. The court had to throw its weight around saying the Army may be supreme in its authority but the SC is equally supreme in its jurisdiction, before

the Army finally yielded.

A bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud was in the forenoon hearing a contempt petition filed by 11 officers who were denied PC despite meeting all parameters laid down by the court in the Lt Col Nishita case. Last month, the court had told the Centre to issue PC to 39 Women Short Service Commission (SSC) Officers within seven working days, but the Army

Benchmark for granting PC

In the Lt Col Nishita case, the SC said all women officers who score 60% in their assessment are eligible for PC if they meet the Army's medical criteria and get disciplinary and vigilance clearance

kept dragging its feet.

"We are holding the Army guilty of contempt. We are putting you on guard and we

are recording a finding on this. The Army may be supreme in its authority but this constitutional court is also supreme in its jurisdiction. We gave you a very long rope," Justice Chandrachud said.

But Additional Solicitor General Sanjay Jain sought a few hours to get instructions and in the afternoon told the court that the Army has accepted to give PC to all eligible women of

ficers. The court then said officers who have disciplinary and vigilance clearance will be eligible for PC subject to their meeting other conditions.

Earlier, the bench had asked why PC was rejected to 72 women SSC officers. Of the 72, the Army said 39 were eligible for consideration since others did not fit the criteria. Yet, there was no forward movement, forcing the officers to approach the SC.



MAROONED CITY

Nearly 24 hours after rain stopped in Chennai, certain parts of the city, like Semmancheri above, were still marooned on Friday afternoon. While relief measures are being taken up in full swing, many areas have yet to receive any assistance. Emergency personnel have rescued 1,211 people and 96 animals from waterlogged areas in Chennai in five days, and the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has deployed five teams for augmenting flood relief operations | ASHWIN PRASATH | P7

Bomma chairs GST group, crucial meet next week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraja Bommai on Friday chaired, through video conference, a preliminary meeting of the Group of Ministers (GoM) on rationalising GST.

It was the first such meeting after Bommai called on Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in October first week and discussed in detail about restructuring the slabs and rationalising the tax rates.

The preliminary meeting lasted over three hours. Finance ministers of member states of the GST Council and officials from finance departments of states and the Centre took part.

Bomma, who is the convenor of the Group of Ministers, is expected to convene a conclusive meeting next week as the group has to submit its recommendations to the GST Council within two months.

The deliberations were kept confidential, while sources said



Chief Minister Basavaraja Bommai at the virtual meeting with GoM on GST

that no major decisions were taken.

The GST Council constituted the GoM on September 24, 2021 to restructure the tax system with Bommai as the chairman of a seven-member committee including the finance ministers from Goa, Kerala, Rajasthan, Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh.

The rate rationalisation includes correction of inverted duty structure and reduction of classification-related disputes to enhance GST revenues.

Recommendations by the Bommai-headed group will be crucial as they will bring widespread rationalisation in the tax structure.

Tape surfaces, currency disappears as charges swirl in Bitcoin scam

BALA CHAUHAN & CHETAN M G @Bengaluru

EVEN as the Bitcoin scam is getting curiously and curiously, an audio clip of a telephonic conversation, purportedly between two policemen discussing the case involving hacker Srikrishna alias Sriki, is doing the rounds. While one is trying to seek information on those behind the case, the other one says biggies, at the ministers' level, are involved.

The person seeking information is purportedly a senior police officer, while the other sharing it is said to be a lower-rung staff, who is part of the investigation team probing the Bitcoin case.

The caller asks about the transactions, and the staff replies that bigwigs have been paid off using Bitcoins, but refuses to reveal the names, saying he is not completely sure. When the officer insists, the staff says it has happened at the ministers' level in 2018. The officer asks whether the Home Minister's name too has been mentioned, and the staff replies in the negative and says names of some IPS officers are there.

When the names of IPS officers are asked, the staff starts

talking about some other development. The top officer is also assured by the staffer that his name is not involved in the scam.

Meanwhile, sources told TNIE that Sriki could be a key "asset" for further leads into the rampant cryptocurrency and hacking scams in the country that may have national and international ramifications.

"This case could be a tip of the iceberg in cryptocurrency

and money laundering scams, which threaten the sovereignty of fiat currency," said sources. Being the first BTC scam case in Karnataka, many law enforcement agencies, including the Directorate of Enforcement (ED), are keen to crack it but have made no headway for reasons unknown.

"In fact, till date, the extent of the BTC fraud and the names of people behind it are not known," said informed sources.

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None in govt involved: CM; SC judge must probe: Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday said that none of the members of his government is involved in the Bitcoin scam and challenged opposition Congress to provide documentary evidence to agencies probing it.

"Let those making allegations provide evidence as to what the scam is all about and who all are involved. As our government is open to a probe by any investigative agency, the truth will come out," he said.

Earlier in the day, Congress leader and former information technology minister Priyank Kharge said demanded a probe by a sitting Supreme Court judge.

Citing a petition filed by the father of the accused Srikrishna alias Sriki in the court, Kharge said the accused was allegedly administered mind-altering drugs when he was in police custody.

REPORT: P4



NATIONWIDE	NOV 11	NOV 12
Fresh cases	13,091	12,516
Recoveries	13,878	13,155
Deaths	340	501
KARNATAKA	NOV 11	NOV 12
Fresh cases	286	227
Recoveries	289	206
Deaths	7	2

TAKE YOUR SHOT

November 11
48,76,535 doses

November 12
52,99,938 doses

TOTAL DOSES
111,35,03,584

Merck's Covid-19 pill close to regulator nod, may cost ₹500-₹1,000

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE oral Covid-19 pill developed by US drug major Merck and Ridgeback Biotherapeutics could be launched in coming weeks in the India market, with the full treatment course estimated to cost ₹500-₹1,000.

The drug molnupiravir, a broad spectrum antiviral, has shown promise in international trials in halting the progression of Covid-19 in its early stages. Last week, the UK became the first country in the world to approve the drug, recommending its use right after a positive coronavirus test and within five days of the onset of symptoms. CONTINUED ON: P10

Anxious Doctors take booster shots

Bengaluru: Anxious on seeing breakthrough infections, ICU admissions, fatalities and waning antibodies among those immunised with both doses, healthcare workers and doctors in Karnataka are jumping the gun and silently taking booster shots. "Not just government, even private hospital doctors are doing this. We are educated and are following research that's out," said a doctor. P3

For pandemic-hit farmers, Krishi Mela turns into boon



Visitors admire a pair of bullocks that are on display along with other livestock, on the second day of Krishi Mela at the GKVK campus in Bengaluru on Friday

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

THE impact of Covid-linked lockdowns on agriculture was on full display at Krishi Mela 2021 as farmers and hobbyists, thronging the venue at the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) GKVK campus in Hebbal, scouted for technologies to overcome farming challenges that have become harder because of the pandemic.

The constant drizzle and sludge-clogged paths failed to dissuade

them as they poured in from all over the state to check new equipment, technologies and crop varieties at the exhibition — especially as last year's event had limited the number of visitors due to Covid restrictions and was mainly live-streamed. This year, it was open to all.

The more common problems that farmers in Karnataka seemed to face were water and labour shortage, and they were found looking for solutions here.

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Israel, Oz PMs to address tech summit

Event to have crossover sessions with Aus tech summit; SA, Vietnam, UAE new participants

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AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett will virtually deliver the inaugural address at the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2021 that will be held from November 17-19.

As per sources from the consulates, the two prime ministers will attend the hybrid summit online.

Speaking to mediapersons virtually on Friday, Consul General Sarah Kirew said Australia will have its largest ever presence at the event with a delegation of 315 people. This includes ministers, policy makers, industry leaders, entrepreneurs and academics.

The Sydney Dialogue sessions are also being held simultane-



IT-BT Minister CN Ashwath Narayan with Consul General of Germany Achim Burkart at the curtain raiser of Bengaluru Tech Summit on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

New participants

BTS will for the first time have participants from South Africa, Vietnam and UAE.

IT-BT and S&T Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan said new countries are keen on joining GIA to explore areas of collaboration. This year, many tech experts from other countries will speak at the sessions.

platform; and the opportunity to show content from the BTS to The Sydney Dialogue participants. These will cover Quad space collaboration and we will hear from the foreign ministers of both countries on the impact of tech on democracy" said Kirew.

"Reflecting the importance of Bengaluru as a technology hub, we've recently upgraded our trade office to be headed by an Australian diplomat," she added. Australian Trade and Investment Commissioner Sam Freeman arrived in Bengaluru in October.

Australia, which is the gold sponsor of the BTS2021, will be a Karnataka Global Innovation Alliance (GIA) partner. GIA was launched in 2017 with the aim of having multilateral relations relating to technology.



RAINY DAYS CONTINUE

School and college students bring out their umbrellas as the city continued to receive light to moderate rain on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

Mela turns into tussle ground for cattle breeders

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE first day of the four-day Krishi Mela is not just a platform for farmers and cattle breeders to showcase their prized bulls, but it is also a tussle ground for some.

Cattle breeders and breeders association went head to head over the price of a Hallikar breed bull. While the breeders association head said that the bull can cost up to Rs 5 lakh in the state, a breeder from Malavalli claimed that the bull is priced at Rs 1 crore and he uses it to donate sperm.

Boregowda, the farmer, said that the organisers underrated the value of his bull. He said, "I sell one dose of sperm at Rs 1,000. My bull is priceless. He is strong and is well fed. He is not just used for breeding, but also helps in farming." He also added that the milk produced from this breed of cattle is rich in protein.

On the other hand, other breeders and head of the Hallikar cattle breed association president Santosh said farmers, who are quoting Rs 1 crore as the price of the bull, are misleading and exploiting people. "The uniqueness of this breed is the strength, height and body structure of the bull. They are primarily used for breeding and then later, as they start to age, they are ideal for farming," he said.



Newer crop varieties, especially pulses, on display interested me. Fruits, greens and vegetables among others have been grown on fields and in greenhouses at the show

Mathappa, groundnut farmer

There was a good response from people on the second day of Krishi Mela at the GKVK campus on Friday | EXPRESS

Farm equipment a major draw at fair

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"WE'VE been fighting with local authorities for water from Tungabhadra River for a while now. We've handed a memorandum to the tahsildar, but the pipeline-laying work is incredibly slow," said Lingappa (65), a farmer from Tumakuru.

He had previously grown mulberry for sericulture, but has switched over to crops that require less water, like dragon fruit and bamboo. Alongside, he is rearing country chickens and maintains a field of lemon trees, making use of integrated farming.

Groundnut farmer from Ballari, 55-year-old Mathappa, said, "We're facing a massive labour

shortage, which is why I'm looking for equipment. We hope to get something that allows us to operate with fewer people."

He said the newer crop varieties, especially pulses, on display interested him. Fruits, greens and vegetables among others have been grown on fields and in greenhouses at the show.

Another farmer Kenchegowda (51) comes from a family of farmers in Ramanagara. He grows pulses, ragi and paddy, and is involved in sericulture and cattle rearing. "I am looking at electrical equipment. It's much cheaper and doesn't require petrol or diesel. I saw an electric weeder and am planning on buying it," he said. "I've been coming here for as

long as I can remember. Both my father and grandfather were farmers," said Jayadevaya (66), a pepper and areca nut farmer from Tumakuru. He said it is becoming increasingly difficult to find good quality equipment that didn't require much replacing. "It's good to know what's going to be in the market so that we can buy them," he said.

Multiple consultation stalls were set up with pathology and entomology experts advising farmers on various issues. A large stall for poultry, with numerous broilers and country chickens showcased alongside small chicks under heat lamps. Buffaloes and sheep were on display too.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

13th November: Yesterday I was talking about the prospect of delays in communications over the coming weeks. The trick when such trends come along is to know how to take advantage of them. If a plan or proposal should be postponed, use the spare time to tackle another scheme that's been held over from months ago.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Somewhat challenging planetary patterns relate to life's pleasures in curious ways. The celestial advice therefore to set out to indulge yourself with determination and discipline! Cultural and high-brow outings will provide excellent stimulation.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

There still seems to be too much uncertainty about personal decisions and choices. There really is no point in trying to get others to sign on the dotted line just yet. There is plenty of time before final arrangements must be reached, so wait and see what happens next week.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

If you have your wits about you, and you certainly should, nobody will be able to get the better of you or pull the wool over your eyes. You may be angry one minute, the very essence of charm the next. If other people are confused, it's because they can't keep up with you!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Partners or close companions are certainly not as cold or hostile as they sometimes seem. Your best policy is to stop worrying about other people and look after your own affairs. Once you have sorted out your top priorities and principles then you will be able to extend proper help to those in need.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

If you ever dreamt of living overseas or far from home, now could be the perfect moment to investigate the available options. Also, do make sure that any travel plans are sufficiently adventurous to satisfy your bold and confident spirit. Also, be sure to listen to an older relation's words of wisdom.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

You're entitled to feel annoyed, but your behaviour should be carefully considered. You are torn between making a public song and dance on the one hand, and keeping yourself to yourself on the other. Perhaps you should wear your mystical or spiritual convictions on your sleeve.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Your best option is to take expert or legal advice before you go any further. Your social optimism should be bounded, but you may be so carried away that you double-book yourself or otherwise take on too many commitments. Catch up with old friends - someone is waiting to hear from you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Contentment, it is said, comes from toiling in worthwhile activities. This should be busy day, one to take on more responsibilities. You may stretch yourself to the limit, for the more you accomplish now, the more time you will have to relax and enjoy yourself over the coming days.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

The winds of change are blowing through your relationships. The whole point about the current situation is that you must learn to listen. You must also try to understand other people's feelings and points of view without being unnecessarily judgmental.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Some of the strongest regions in your chart concern home, work and money. The problem is how best to integrate all these different areas. One interpretation suggests that if you work harder, you'll be able to pay for an improvement at home sooner than you thought.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

It's an ideal day for short excursions and meetings, and pleasant agreements could be concluded. Instinctively everyone conforms to your ideas as to what is practical and possible, and they all will prosper. However, whether they agree with you is another matter!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

You know what it is like to be caught off guard, and if someone takes advantage today, it could be over a matter of money. That said, this is a superb time for improvements in family relationships and a step up in your living conditions. Start by fixing everything that's in need of repair.

THE PHANTOM



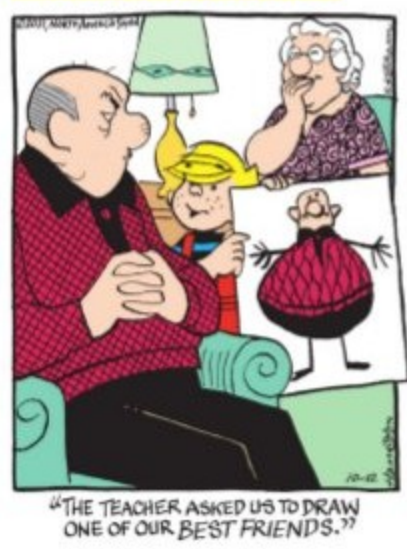
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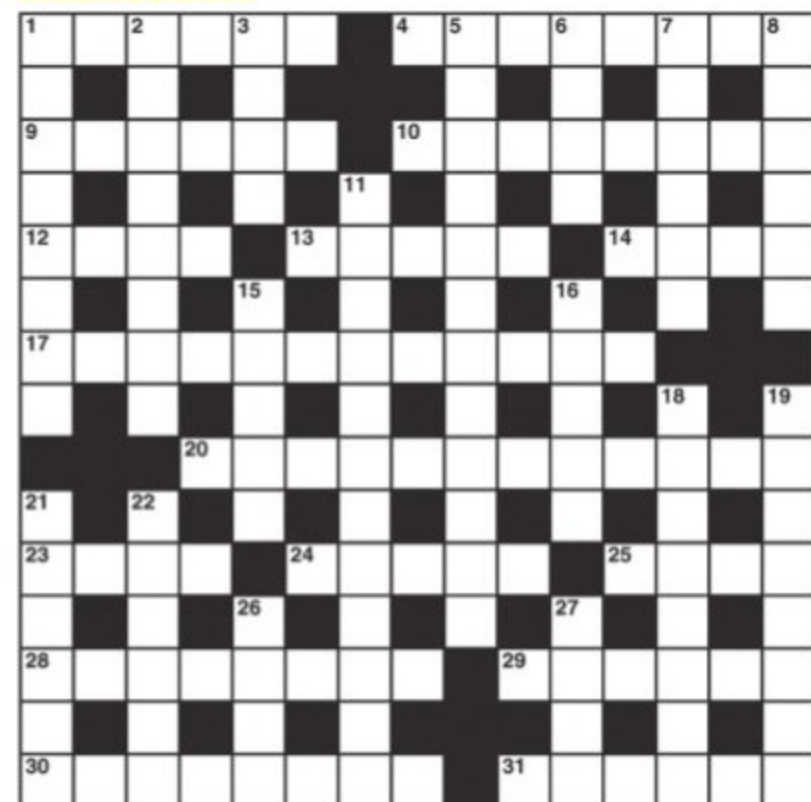
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Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

3	7	4	8	2	1	6	5	9
8	9	1	3	5	6	2	7	4
2	6	5	9	7	4	1	8	3
5	1	3	7	8	9	4	6	2
7	4	6	5	1	2	9	3	8
9	2	8	4	6	3	7	1	5
1	8	9	2	3	7	5	4	6
6	5	2	1	4	8	3	9	7
4	3	7	6	9	5	8	2	1

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

- Ill-led maybe but satisfied (6)
- Invite to trouble for a peering in a satirical show (3,3,2)
- Get in trouble but make light of the matter (6)
- They lack coordination, these problem children (8)
- Green right out of garment (4)
- The range of an American destroyer (5)
- Indication there's good starting in evil (4)
- A hamper that's packed for Easter for example? (7,5)
- Confidence in the theatre (5,7)
- Vegetable turning up in South Dakota (4)
- Lofty but not upright (5)
- Responsibility we can't avoid? (4)
- Parsia may give approval (6)
- Arrests drunk in setback or donkards (8)
- Solfer has to obtain an objective (6)

DOWN

- Just willing to become an easy prey (4,4)
- Broadcasting band gives a lingering farewell (4,4)
- Creatures having small feet with a point at each end (4)
- Joined issue (7,5)
- It's true it's about a hundred feet (4)
- Acquire a lot of money like the cougar does (4,2)
- Intentionally aggravating? (6)
- It's assumed not to be for top dressing (12)
- Possibly beat a retreat (5)
- Out of bed making a fuss (5)
- Fine punishment? (8)
- A view of a probable customer (8)
- Inclined to have a biased view (6)
- Changes for plants (6)
- Piece of jewellery applied to the ear perhaps (4)
- A tune-up during the opera (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

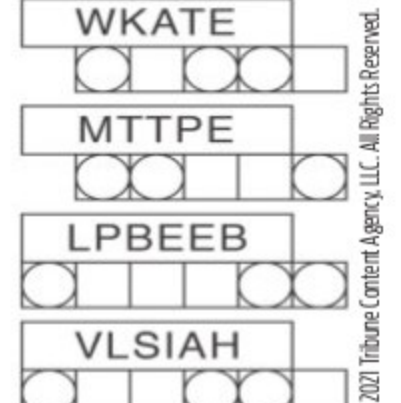
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Down: 1 Reaches, 2 Fortunate, 3 Elope, 4 Sherry, 5 Lasagne, 6 Nee, 7 Essay, 12 Distemper, 14 Unearth, 16 Deleted, 17 Egoist, 18 Order, 20 Nines, 22 Vet.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Kunkel

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S Jumbles: LOBBY WOULD HARBOR TICKET

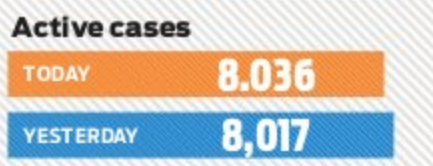
ANSWER: When the last member of their bowling team arrived, they were - READY TO ROLL

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA



The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until November 12, 2021, a total of **29,91,369** cases have been reported in 1 year and 248 days...



The day positivity rate - **0.22%** - is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.



DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

BENGALURU URBAN	BENGALURU RURAL
Bagalkot	0
Ballari	1
Belagavi	5
Bidar	0
Chamarajanagar	1
Chikkaballapur	1
Chikmagalur	1
Chitradurga	3
Dakshina Kannada	14
Davanagere	0
Dharwad	4
Gadag	0
Hassan	7
Haveri	0
Kalaburagi	0
Kodagu	5
Kolar	2
Koppal	0
Mandya	2
Mysuru	10
Raichur	0
Ramanagara	0
Shivamogga	2
Tumakuru	6
Udupi	6
Uttara Kannada	9
Vijayapura	0
Yadgir	0

COVID BYTES

K'taka reports 227 fresh cases, 2 deaths

BENGALURU: Karnataka on Friday reported 227 fresh cases of the Novel Coronavirus and two deaths, taking the total number of infections to 29,91,369 and the toll to 38,140, the health department stated in its bulletin. The day also saw 206 discharges, taking the total number of recoveries in the state so far since the beginning of the pandemic last year to 29.45 lakh. Of 227 new cases reported, 147 were from Bengaluru.

3rd jab to counter 3rd wave? Anxious doctors, nurses take booster shots

Breakthrough infections, ICU admissions said to be reason

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

EVEN as the Union health ministry is "working" on a policy for the third dose of Covid-19 jab, anxious healthcare workers and doctors in Karnataka are jumping the gun and silently taking booster shots. Many of the doctors TNIE spoke to took their first jab in January 2021 and second one almost eight months ago. They said they are "anxious" as they are seeing breakthrough infections, ICU admissions, fatalities and waning antibodies among those immunised with both doses.

"Not just government, even private hospital doctors are doing this. We are educated and are following research that's out," said a doctor from a Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute hospital.

Dr CN Manjunath, member of Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee and Director of Jayadeva Hospital, said he is aware of this trend. Many are taking the third jab out of fear - they are checking antibody levels, and if there is an indication of waning, they are opting for the jab. However, there is no protocol announced yet. "With people hesitating to take the second dose, healthcare workers feel they are at risk. Especially with reports of breakthrough infections, ICU admissions and some minute population succumbing to it, doctors are worried. Taking a booster is not dangerous but there's no policy yet so it's better to refrain," he said.

A head nurse from a private hospital on Bannerghatta Road said, "I was told to check my antibody level. It had waned, so I got my third jab," she said. However, a senior doctor explained that waning of antibodies is not the same as absence of immune response. "Antibodies will taper off. When an antigen hits again, the antibodies will mount and can even come out strongly to protect the individual if he/she is young, and not immuno-compromised," he said.

Epidemiologist Dr Giridhara Babu, who is also a member of TAC, said that flu shots are given every year as the virus keeps changing. "In case of Covid-19, it is gamma variant which is infectious and after that, no variant has been more infectious. So we don't know yet whether annual boosters are needed," he said. Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar quoted Dr NK Arora, co-chair of INSACOG, as saying that they have been working on a policy document regarding administering a booster dose for the past three weeks, which will be made public soon.



A health worker collects swab samples of a passenger at Kempegowda Bus Station in Bengaluru on Friday. The city reported 147 fresh Covid-19 cases | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Over 5 lakh in B'luru have skipped second vax dose

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

OVER 5 lakh people have skipped their second dose in Bengaluru. This has become a matter of worry for the health department and BBMP officials, who have started calling up people and even visiting their homes to take them to vaccination camps.

On the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), officials have requested the government to issue an order, similar to other states, banning the entry of citizens who have not taken the second dose, in public places and also their workplace. They have also requested that orders be issued that no free treatment will be given to those who have skipped their second dose.

BBMP Special Commissioner KV Thirlok Chandra told TNIE that as of last week, around 6 lakh people were due for the second dose. "We started approaching homes and making ag-

gressive calls. In one week, 1.5 lakh people were covered. People reason that there is no need to take the vaccine as cases are coming down. Others cite side-effects," he said.

Healthcare workers, staffers at primary health centres and Covid-19 war rooms have been ordered to track people who have taken their first dose, and make calls to them to take the second dose. BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said. Only 58 per cent people have taken the second dose - for some, there is still time between the first and second dose, while others have overshoot the second dose date deadline.

Gupta added that since Covid-19 has not ended, anyone with Covid-like symptoms must come forward and get themselves tested. He asserted that wearing a mask is mandatory though many have stopped masking up. It has also been observed that many people have started neglecting their health and are not taking the right treatment.

WORLD PNEUMONIA DAY

Poor vaccine programme a concern

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POOR vaccination and a lack of awareness are the leading causes of bacterial pneumonia in children under five years of age. While health experts are debating innovative vaccination strategies to protect children better, on Friday, Special Commissioner Health launched Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Programme (PCV) in Bengaluru. This vaccine reduces incidence of pneumonia, meningitis and other serious bacterial infections caused by pneumococcus.

Over 1.2 million children die before their fifth birthday in India. Nearly 15.9 per cent deaths are due to pneumonia.

Dr K V Thirlok Chandra, Special Commissioner, Health, BBMP, explained that pneumococcal disease is the name of a group of diseases caused by a bacterium streptococcus pneumoniae (pneumococcus). Though the vaccine was available in the private sector, it was limited to a small population that can afford it. Recently, the vaccine was included in the Universal Immunisation Programme, based on disease burden, efficacy, cost-effectiveness, and global evidence. In Karnataka, the PCV was launched in October.

PCV SCHEDULE

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1 booster dose at 9 months

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients Sri Gullappa & others have filed the above petition for the death certificate of Munthiyappa D/o. Late Thalevar Munthiyappa was died on 02-06-2008 at Maranayakshali Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dist. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Civil Judge & JMC at Devanahalli and date of hearing on 20/12/2021 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Misc. No. 208/2021.

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMC Court, Devanahalli
Sri H.B. Prakash, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients Sri Gullappa & others have filed the above petition for the death certificate of Subbelle Munthiyappa W/o. Late Thalevar Munthiyappa was died on 01-09-2012 at Maranayakshali Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dist. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Civil Judge & JMC at Devanahalli and date of hearing on 20/12/2021 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Misc. No. 209/2021.

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NOTICE No. 13/2021

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4	Sr.DMM/MAS	03.12.21 to 14.12.21	24.12.21 to 30.12.21
5	Sr.DMM/SA	06.12.21 to 15.12.21	27.12.21 to 31.12.21
6	Sr.DMM/TVC	07.12.21 to 16.12.21	28.12.21 to 31.12.21
7	Sr.DMM/PGT	08.12.21 to 17.12.21	29.12.21 to 31.12.21
8	Sr.DMM/TPJ	09.12.21 to 20.12.21	29.12.21
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With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of
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By
grief stricken family,
wife Smt. Sumithamma and children Dr. Premachandra, Mr. Ravichandra, Mrs. Savitha, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi & Mr. Bharathchandra

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the UCO Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 24-05-2021, calling upon the borrower Mr.Akash Muddgul Prakash, Prop : M/s Vesage Wellness Spa & Mrs. R.Jayalakshmi (Guarantor) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.72,54,338/- (Rupees Seventy Two lakhs fifty four thousand three Hundred and Thirty eight only) and interest from 01.01.2021 at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the full amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this 11th day of Nov.2021.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the UCO Bank for an amount of Rs.72,54,338/- (Rupees Seventy Two lakhs fifty four thousand three Hundred and Thirty eight only) and interest from 01.01.2021 at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

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All that piece and parcel the site bearing B.D.A. residential site no 149, 4th Cross, New Thippasandra, HAL III Stage, Bangalore-75, BM Katha No 149 and Khatha Certificate No DA 74/PR303/98-99, measuring East to West 10.90 Meters and North to South (12.00 + 11.70) 22 Meters in all measuring 129.16 square meters, PID No 74-8-149 and bounded on the:

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Authorised Officer
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IN THE COURT OF THE HONBLE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND C.J. AT NELLORE
Ct. No. 238/2021
PETITIONER: SRI MOHAN KUMAR & OTHERS
VS
RESPONDENT: THE THAKASILDAR, Nellore District, Nellore District.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner above named has filed the above petition against the respondent for obtaining the death certificate of petitioner's Grand Father by name Kalishai S/o Late Hanumanthiah, who died 20.08.1979 at Hanumanthiah Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nellore District, Nellore District.

And whereas the above petition is fixed for hearing on 08.12.2021 at 11 AM before the Hon'ble Civil Judge and J.M.C. at Nellore District. You are hereby summoned who are interested in the matter to appear to answer the same. If you failing which the petition will be disposed of an ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of court on 11-11-2021. By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, Junior Division and J.M.C. Nellore District, Advocate for Petitioner: Tejendra H.R. Devanga Street, Nellore District Town.

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V. S. RAI & ASSOCIATES, LAW FIRM.
#23, Venkatesh Nagar, 6th Main, 5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-27.

IN THE HONBLE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.C. AT NELLORE
Ct.No. 238/2021 Ct.No.238/2021

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Whereas the petitioner above named has presented petition to the Hon'ble court under section 13(3) of Registration of Birth and Death Act 1969 for order direct the respondent authority to get the entry of death certificate of petitioner's Grand Father by name Kalishai S/o Late Hanumanthiah, who died 20.08.1979 at Hanumanthiah Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nellore District, Nellore District.

And whereas the above petition is fixed for hearing on 08.12.2021 at 11 AM before the Hon'ble Civil Judge and J.M.C. at Nellore District. You are hereby summoned who are interested in the matter to appear to answer the same. If you failing which the petition will be disposed of an ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of court on 11-11-2021. By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, Junior Division and J.M.C. Nellore District, Advocate for Petitioner: A. VENKATADRI, Advocate, Devanga Street, Nellore District Town.

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For further details and other terms and conditions, interested parties may please contact the above number. Successful Bidders have to deposit the balance amount on the next working day, otherwise, the bid amount will be forfeited. The decision of the Branch Manager is final.

Name of Borrower	Balance O/S (Excluding Interest & Other Charges)	Make / Type of Vehicle	Registration Number	Reserve Price	EMD (10%)	Bid Increase Amount	Branch Name, Account No. & IFSC Code
Mr.Late Peter D' Souza	Rs.2,27,443.05	TATA SUPER ACE (Diesel)	KA43 6176	Rs. 67,500/-	Rs. 6,750/-	Rs.500/-	Devanahalli A/c No. 21380210000229 IFSC Code : UCBA0002138

Place : Bangalore
Date : 12.11.2021

Authorised Officer
UCO Bank

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice(s), incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realisation.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of the Property
1	Mr. Shine Thomas K (Borrower) and Mrs. Sinu John (Co-Borrower)	Rs.28,24,734/- in Loan Account No.628644740 Rs.11,14,946/- in Loan Account No.628644795 Rs.91,982/- in Loan Account No.629851234 and Rs.46,393/- in Loan Account No.631126463 totally accruing to Rs.40,78,055/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Fifty Five Only) as on 31.03.2021	28.04.2021	12.11.2021	Schedule 'A' : All that piece and parcel of immovable converted land property bearing Sy.No.121, New No.121/2, of BBMP Khatha No. 10/1, which measuring to an extent of 17 guntas, out of 22 guntas, which is subject matter, situated at Horamavu Agrah Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, in vide; Conversion Order dated 16/11/2009, in order No.BDS: ALNE SR (KRH) 72/2009-10 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and bounded on : East by : Sy.No.121 of remaining portion, West by : Sy.No.121 of remaining portion & Sy. No.122, North by : Road, South by : Road and Sy.No.119/1 land. Schedule 'B' : 240 Sq.ft undivided share, right, title and interest of land in the total land Schedule 'A' property referred to above. Schedule 'C' : Flat bearing No.103, in First Floor constructed over the schedule 'A' property contains 2 bed room, Kitchen, Dining, toilets, living room, with one car parking bearing No.103 and the Super built area measuring 1120 Sq.ft of the Apartment known as "DS MAX SPRING DALE" along with water and electricity together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas for common use.
2	Mr. Nagari Vamsi Krishna (Borrower) and Mrs. Yelakapally Jayareka (Co-Borrower)	Loan Account No.630860818 Rs.81,06,859 (Rupees Eighty One Lakhs Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Nine Only) as on 30.04.2021	02.06.2021	12.11.2021	All that piece and parcel of Residential 3 BHK apartment bearing No. RBT13F1404 (FLAT-0103), Grandeur on the 14th Floor, of Tower T 13 in the building known as "RAINTREE BOULEVARD", developed by L&T Realty having a 1117 Sq.ft. carpet area and 1645 Sq. Feet of super built up area along with one covered car parking space with proportionate share of 247.00 sq. feet (22.95 sq.mtrs) of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land bearing Sy.No. 96/2,96/1, 95/1, 95/2, 94/1, 94/2, 94/3, 94/4, 93/1, 93/2A, 93/2B, 93/3, 93/4 and 93/5 admeasuring 75.65 acres approximately, bearing Khata No.239/240/275/88/1, 240/276, 89/1 situated on the west side of Bangalore Bellary highway at Byattarayana Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru.
3	Mr. Balaji V (Borrower)	Loan Account 623316644 Rs. 44,68,471/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy One Only) as on 31.05.2021	23.06.2021	12.11.2021	Schedule - A : All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring 1 Acre 16 Guntas carved out of larger extent of land in Survey No.90P1(131) situated at Kannamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District bounded on the : East by : Land bearing Sy.No.91/1, 91/2, 91/3, & 91/4, West by : Land bearing Sy.No.13 S Private Property, North by : Remaining Portion of Sy.No.90P1(131), South by : Private Property. Schedule - B : Undivided Share, right, title and interest in all that piece and parcel of Schedule 'A' Property corresponding to the Schedule 'C' Property. Schedule - C : A two bedroom apartment bearing No.C-G01, Ground Floor, Block 'C' of the residential Complex known as "URBANAL COVE" to be built at the cost of the purchaser on the schedule 'A' Property measuring 1592 Sq.ft. Super built up area together with proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use and exclusive right to use the 2 (Two) no. of covered car park.

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation.

However, since the borrower mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officers of HDFC have taken Symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/ them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. Borrower(s) attention is hereby invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset(s). Copies of the Prachinam drawn and inventory made available to the undersigned, and the said Borrower is requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date: 13.11.2021
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
HDFC Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

BITCOIN SCAM

NOT PROTECTING ANYONE: BOMMAI

None from govt involved, reiterates CM even as Priyank Kharge questions why he raised the matter with PM

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CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday clarified that none of the members of his government is involved in the Bitcoin scam and challenged opposition Congress to provide documentary evidence to investigating agencies probing it.

"Let those making allegations provide evidence as to what the scam is all about and who all are involved. As our government is open to the probe by any investigative agency, the truth will come out. These are baseless estimations of the extent of the scam with no evidence," he told reporters after taking part in the felicitation of Justice Aravind Kumar, who has been elevated as the Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court, at the conference hall in Vidhana Soudha.

Bommai reiterated that there is no question of protecting anybody and that the case was transferred to the Enforcement Directorate

(ED) 8-9 months ago. The CBI and Interpol too are investigating as the case has international ramifications, he added. Asked whether it will spell a doom to him as chief minister, he rubbished it, saying the allegations are politically motivated. "I do not like to react to the issue every day," he added.

Earlier in the day, Congress upped the ante by demanding a probe by a sitting Supreme Court judge.

Terming it the first and biggest Bitcoin scam in the country, Congress leader and former information technology minister Priyank Kharge said the scam needs an impartial probe. "The investigation in the case is not aimed at bringing out the truth. They are trying to cover it up," he said.

Citing a petition filed by the father of the accused Srikrishna alias Sriki in the court, he said the accused was allegedly administered mind-altering drugs when he was in police custody. "The government must explain why the drugs were given to

Police used Sriki to do jobs for them: Father

BENGALURU: Hacker Sriki's father Gopal Ramesh on Friday moved court, accusing police of using drugs to get some jobs done by his son, and sought an investigation into it. However, he was pressured to withdraw the petition. Incidentally, court records reveal that Sriki, who had initially denied he had consumed drugs during police custody in January early this year, had admitted he used Alprazolam. But police said that though the accused (Sriki) had claimed he had taken Alprazolam as recommended by a NIMHANS doctor, they had not allowed him to take any such medication in police custody. The court directed that Sriki be subjected to medical tests to determine whether he had consumed Alprazolam, and its effects. **ENS**

the accused. Can it be done without the knowledge of senior officers in the department and the minister," he asked.

There have been several lapses in the probe, including taking a junior lineman and powerman from the Bescom HSR Division as witnesses during the "panchnama" for the recovery of 31 Bitcoins worth Rs 9 crore from Srikrishna's wallet, he said.

"When the police opened the wallet to transfer 31 Bitcoins, they found 186.8 Bitcoins and they decided to

transfer it to the police wallet. But they found out that the transaction ID never existed," he said, indicating that the officials were hoodwinked.

He alleged that Bitcoins worth Rs 100 crore are missing and the government must explain what happened to them. "According to Sriki's voluntarily signed statement before the cybercrime police inspector states that he had hacked 5,000 Bitcoins worth Rs 2,500 crore. Where are they now? How much has he used and how much has he distributed," he asked.

Kharge said the accused was booked in different cases from November 17, 2020 and the police kept extending his custody without bringing the case to the notice of Central agencies. The state government wrote to Central agencies only after they sought information from the state government, he said.

"Bommai had claimed it to be a non-issue. If that were to be the case, why did he take it up with the PM," he asked.

Kharge said the Congress will take the case to a logical end and even consider filing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL). He had earlier stated that if an impartial probe is conducted into the case, Karnataka would see a third BJP chief minister.

Asked why the Congress government did not take action in the 2018 pub brawl case in which Srikrishna was also an accused, he said that there is no link between that and Bitcoin case. "BJP is only trying to divert attention. Let them stop blackmailing us. If Congress leaders are involved, let them take action," he added.



JUBILANT MOOD

KPCC women's wing members celebrate Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi's announcement of reserving 40 per cent of party tickets for women in next year's Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, in Bengaluru on Friday | **NAGARAJ GADEKAL**

MLC POLLS

BJP hopes to cash in on BSY charisma

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA
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BY getting senior leader B S Yediyurappa to lead the Jana Swaraj Yatra, in the run-up to the Legislative Council poll in Kittur Karnataka, the BJP seems to have invested its resource where it can yield more dividends. Seven seats are up for grabs in this region—three are with the saffron party, and the rest with Congress.

Though the region is dominated by the Lingayat community, Yediyurappa has a huge influence among other communities too, and the party wants to encash his popularity optimally. His team, which includes Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, ministers Govind Karjol and Sriramulu, state vice-presidents Tejaswini Ananthkumar and M B Nandeesh, is a right mix of all communities that have a sizable say in the region.

Of the four constituencies—Belagavi, Vijayapura, Dharwad and Karwar—the first three are double-member segments and a single member will be

elected from Karwar local bodies. While the Congress holds both seats in Vijayapura, in Belagavi, the BJP represents both seats in the Upper House. In Dharwad, both national parties have one seat each, while the Uttara Kannada seat is held by the grand old party. Since the saffron party is in a dominating position in these districts now, the fight here could be fierce.

Yediyurappa's team is one of four teams formed for the Jana Swaraj Yatra, BJP state general secretary Mahesh Tenginkai said. The team would tour two districts on each day, starting from Uttara Kannada on November 19, covering Dharwad and Gadag next, Bagalkot and Vijayapura on the third day, and Chikkodi and Belagavi on the last day.

Besides voter connect programmes, public rallies would also be held during the Yatra. The party had held Swaraj Yatra before the gram panchayat election, and it was received well by voters. A majority of members elected across the state were supported by the party.



Jagadish Shettar leaves for New Delhi

Senior leader Jagadish Shettar leaving to New Delhi all of a sudden, that too a day after Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai returned from the national capital, has led to much speculation. It is not clear whether Shettar himself went to Delhi or got a call from the party leadership. Sources in the BJP said Shettar had left to Bengaluru on Wednesday to take part in a private function and thereafter, might have gone to Delhi. It is also being speculated that he could have gone to bat for some candidates, especially brother Pradeep Shettar, a sitting member and aspirant of one of the dual-seats of Dharwad.



Tapes, coins, lies — it gets curiouser

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SRIKRISHNA'S claims of hacking international websites and cryptocurrency exchanges are yet to be verified by Interpol. The city police in April had written to the international police agency sharing details of the claims that the fraudster had made.

His claim of possessing 31 BTCs in his wallet allegedly turned out to be false, said sources. "On January 8 this year, Srikrishna had shown the police what he claimed to be his wallet, which contained 31 BTCs. The police with the help of technical experts from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Department of e-governance and a cryptocurrency exchange tried to block the wallet by changing the key. A panchama was drawn and it was submitted to the court. On January 22, when the police wanted to recover the BTCs and transfer them to an official SB account with the help of technical experts, they found that there were 86 BTCs. It was then they realised that Srikrishna had

hacked into someone else's private wallet, which was live and had fooled them. The private key that the experts had created to block the wallet was futile because it was not his wallet. A second panchama was drawn the same day showing the details and submitted to the court," added the sources. "When he was in judicial custody, the prison authorities were reportedly cautioned by the police about keeping a strict vigil on him to ensure that he doesn't get hold of a mobile phone, which he may use for hacking," added the sources.

"His security is important for further probe into the cryptocurrency scam, hacking and data theft. It will not be a surprise if he leaves the country because of the mounting pressure on him. He has been reportedly nurtured by politicians from across parties and on whose patronage he became

big. He has used it to live a lavish life. He has reportedly defaulted on payments in some luxury hotels, where he had stayed and partied using his political connections," said sources, who also drew the attention on the timing of the political buzz around the crime, which was unearthed almost a year ago.

Srikrishna was arrested in November last year under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act in a drug-related case. He had told the police that he used to buy drugs on the Darknet using cryptocurrency. The storm around the BTC scam became big after an anonymous petition to the PM alleging corruption charges against some leading politicians, a former CM's son and the police, including IPS officers and one officer's son in the BTC scam surfaced and landed in the hands of Siddaramaiah.



His security is important for further probe into the cryptocurrency scam, hacking and data theft. It will not be a surprise if he leaves the country because of the mounting pressure on him

Sources

Siddu questions PM for his 'advice' to CM

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FORMER chief minister Siddaramaiah on Friday took exception to Prime Minister Narendra Modi advising Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to ignore the controversy over the Bitcoin scam. "Instead of asking the chief minister to investigate the case and prove innocence, how is it correct for the PM to tell him to ignore the allegations? Can Prime Minister unilaterally decide what he wants?" Siddaramaiah questioned taking to the social media.

After his meeting with Modi in Delhi on Thursday, Bommai had stated that when he tried to raise the issue, the PM asked him not to bother about the controversy and focus on the state's development. "Why is the PM asking

CM to ignore it? Siddaramaiah questioned.

Siddaramaiah said the BJP leaders in Karnataka are trying to prevent them from speaking about it by claiming the involvement of Congress leaders. "They have government both at the Centre and State. Let them investigate impartially and reveal the names of those involved," he said.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar said they are gathering information about the case and will release them at an appropriate time. He said they are not searching for any documents and instead ministers and officials are providing them with documents.

Shivakumar said the chief minister claimed that it is a non-issue, but if that was the case why he discussed it with the prime minister.



JDS launches 'Jaladhaare' water campaign to counter Cong, BJP



Janata Dal (Secular) leaders, including former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy (second from right) at the party's 'Janata Sangama' workshop in Bengaluru on Friday | **EXPRESS**

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IN an attempt to overhaul its strategy ahead of the 2023 assembly polls, the JDS has chalked out a plan to counter national parties Congress and BJP, which spar over irrigation projects. It has come up with 'Jaladhaare'—water-themed events with a regional touch.

Starting January 2022, JDS women workers will collect water from 38 rivers and their tributaries across Karnataka in traditional 'kalashas' (metal pot) and taluk office-bearers will hold an event.

This is to highlight the regional party's commitment to the people of Karnataka and

send a message that if it is voted to power, it will settle all inter-state river disputes on priority, according to JDS leader and former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy.

"Neither the Centre nor neighbouring states can withdraw our rights on our share of water," he asserted.

"When I was CM, I petitioned the Supreme Court, following the advice of former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, and got 14.5 tmcft of water for Karnataka. The commitment of Deve Gowda with regard to the irrigation sector, regardless of the Cauvery and Krishna issues, is undisputed," he remarked.

"For one year, five vehicles will travel with tableaux de-

picting our 'Pancharatna' schemes, including health and education; another vehicle with LED projector will screen our achievements and plans for Karnataka. If we rule the state for a full term, no party can shake us for 20 more years," he explained at the 'Janata Sangama' workshop under Janata Parva 1.0, organised for the party ranks.

The former CM asked Mandya leaders not to take his son Nikhil Kumaraswamy's loss in the 2019 LS polls as a defeat, as over six lakh people have voted for him. "We are a strong united force and can whitewash Mandya by winning all seven seats in 2023," he remarked.

JDS MLC Sandesh Nagaraj to join BJP

MYSURU: At a time when the JDS is holding a series of workshops to strengthen the organisation ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections, sitting JDS MLC Sandesh Nagaraj has decided to quit the party and join the BJP in a couple of days. This comes days after Chamundeshwari JDS legislator GT Deve Gowda shared the stage with Congress leader Siddaramaiah amid murmurs of the former joining the Congress. Nagaraj, who had kept away from JDS activities for sometime, is a strong contender from the saffron party for a ticket to contest the December 10 MLC polls from Mysuru-Chamarajanagar. Nagaraj had also worked for his brother and BJP Narasimharaja constituency candidate Sandesh Swamy ahead of the 2018 Assembly elections and had also worked for his brother's son in the corporation polls. It is also learnt that senior BJP leaders DV Sadananda Gowda and R Ashoka had also held talks with the party high command and pitched for a ticket for Nagaraj. Nagaraj, also a film producer, had started his political career in the Janata Party and joined the Congress during SM Krishna's tenure as the CM. He had contested the 2004 Assembly polls and lost to BJP's HS Shankerlinga Gowda. He also lost the 2008 polls from Narasimharaja as a JDS candidate. He contested on a Janata Dal ticket in 2000 from Mysuru-Chamarajanagar dual-member local bodies constituency and won along with BJP's Prof Mallikarjunappa. He managed to win in the 2017 MLC polls. **ENS**

TO BOOST ECONOMY

Industrial township at KGF a step closer to reality

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

IN the next two to three weeks, the Union Government is likely to give its approval to convert 3,500 acres of unused vacant land at Kolar Gold Fields (KGF) into an industrial township. If it materialises, it will be one of the biggest industrial hubs in Karnataka.

In August, Large and Medium Industries Minister Murugesh R Nirani submitted a memorandum to Union Minister for Coal and Mines Pralhad Joshi.

Gold-mining operations at KGF, 100 km from Bengaluru, were stopped in 2001 as the company was incurring losses.

Nirani told The New Indian Express that mining was done on 16,000 acres of which 3,500 acres are lying unused. "After exploration, we found there was no gold and we wanted to use it (3,500 acres) for better



Gold-mining operations at KGF, 100 km from Bengaluru, were stopped in 2001

purposes. When we approached the Union Government, they conducted another exploration and they too found no gold," he said.

Joshi said the Centre will give clearance soon after the State Government completes a survey to identify land suitable for the township.

Nirani said, "Our survey is expected to be completed in 15 days. We will submit the report to the Centre. Since there

is already a green signal from them to utilise this land to set up an industrial township, we will initiate it at the earliest."

On the Detailed Project Report, Nirani said the officials concerned have started drafting it. "Once the survey is completed, we will know the exact area available for the township and complete the DPR," he added.

The State Government is focusing on attracting investors to Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, and generating more employment in its new industrial policy.

Proximity to the national highway along with the existing railway line work in favour of KGF, and if an industrial township is set up there, it will come as a boon to the local youth, hundreds of whom travel to Bengaluru and other nearby towns to earn a livelihood. "We want to provide them employment at KGF itself," Nirani said.

EXPRESS READ

Why another survey of Wakf properties, asks Manippady

BENGALURU: BJP leader and former chairman of Karnataka State Minorities Commission Anwar Manippady questioned the government's decision to order a re-survey of Wakf properties, when a detailed report was already submitted. In a letter to Minister for Haj and Wakf Shashikala Jolle, he said he was surprised by the statement on re-survey of Wakf properties. "It's either become a fashion or means of threatening Wakf properties embezzlement culprits to come and pay due respect. How many times do you want the survey to be done, there is a clear-cut report of Wakf properties embezzlement presented to our own government in 2012, known as Anwar Manippady Wakf Scam Report, with 7,000 pages of every survey and court order -- right from Assistant Commissioners Court to Supreme Court. It is like a ready reckoner," he stated in the letter. **ENS**

Playing loud music on your phone? You may be asked to get off the bus

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The order states that once such a passenger is deboarded, he/she cannot claim a refund on the bus fare.

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It's norovirus now! 13 Kerala students +ve

Virus is highly contagious and causes vomiting and diarrhoea; Infection is curable

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AMID the worry caused by persisting Covid in the state, Wayanad district administration on Thursday confirmed norovirus cases. The infection was reported in 13 students of the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences at Pookode near Vythiri two weeks ago. The virus presence was detected in samples examined at the National Institute of Virology, Alappuzha.

District Medical Officer R Renuka said there is no need for concern as the illness can be cured quickly with correct treatment. "We are preparing a data bank of the students of the veterinary college to identify the contacts of the infected students," said Renuka. "Besides, we are also holding an awareness class as part of preventive measures among the students and staff as well as local people. We have been able to curb the spread and no fresh case has been reported," she said.

Health Minister Veena George on Friday said that people need to be vigilant about this contagious virus that causes vomiting and diarrhoea. A meeting held on Friday with Wayanad health officials and authorities of the veterinary college reviewed the preventive measures.

WHAT IS NOROVIRUS?

Wayanad health officials stated that norovirus is contagious and causes vomiting and diarrhoea. People infected with norovirus can shed billions of virus particles and among these, a few of them could be transmitted to other people. A person can contract norovirus by coming in direct contact with an infected person, consuming contaminated food or water and touching contaminated surfaces.

SYMPTOMS

Diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea and stomach pain are cited as some of the symptoms of norovirus infection. It can cause inflammation of the stomach or intestines—called acute gastroenteritis. Other symptoms include fever, headache and body ache.

Measures to contain spread

Proper hand hygiene is considered one of the most important measures to curb the spread of norovirus, according to medical experts. Washing the hands after using the toilet or changing diapers, before eating, preparing or handling food, and before giving yourself or someone else medicine is important.

EXPRESS READ

Tigress found dead on railway tracks

Kurnool: A tigress was found dead near the railway tracks at Chalamra first tunnel Nandyal forest division of Nallamala in the district late on Thursday. It was initially suspected that the tigress, estimated to be aged around three, was poisoned by poachers, but a post-mortem examination concluded that it was hit by a train, possibly while it was crossing the tracks. The carcass of the animal has been examined by officials.

Tribal who can't drive slapped with car theft case

Kozhikode: Here's a story that bears similarities with the plight of the marginalised communities portrayed in the recent Tamil movie 'Jai Bhim'. A tribal youth from Meenangadi in Wayanad district was arrested last Friday by the Sulthan Bathery police in a vehicle theft case, which his relatives allege is a fabricated one. While the police claim that Deepu, 22, of Athikadavu Paniya tribal colony, was caught fleeing with the stolen car, the relatives assert that he doesn't even know to ride a cycle, let alone drive a car.



TODAY'S SPECIAL

Fisherwomen arrange their catch of the day at the fishing harbour in Visakhapatnam on Friday 6 SATYANARAYANA

HC stays law exams by KSLU

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THE Karnataka High Court on Friday stayed undergraduate law course examinations to be conducted by the Karnataka State Law University (KSLU) from November 15, 2021.

Hearing a batch of petitions filed by Rishab Trakrao and others, Justice Ashok S Kinagi passed the interim order staying the examinations.

The court observed that students of Karnataka State Law University would be discriminated against if they are compelled to write exams when other law universities are pro-

moting students based on parameters set by UGC, without holding exams.

The court said that directions issued by the state government bind KSLU, as per Sections 9 and 10 of the Karnataka State Law University Act 2009. The sections clearly mandate the control of the state government over the University, and confers power on the government to annul the orders of KSLU. The KSLU issued an impugned circular.

It may be noted that the state government issued a circular on July 23, 2021, dispensing with exams for the second and fourth semesters.

2050 is too late, we need to address climate change

IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

ACCORDING to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the scale of recent changes across the climate system as a whole, and present state of many aspects of the climate system, are unprecedented over many centuries.

The frequency and intensity of heavy precipitation events have increased. At the same time, climate change has contributed to an increase in drought in many regions. IPCC further concluded that more regions will be affected by drought due to global

warming, and a larger fraction of land will also be affected by an increase in floods. In India, a large per cent of rural population depends on climate-sensitive sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, animal husbandry and forest biodiversity.



Mitigation and adaptation are two actions to address climate change. Mitigation involving reducing carbon dioxide emissions and achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050 were debated at COP in Glasgow, to keep global warming within 1.5 deg C by the end of the century, which is agreed under the Paris



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Agreement. Even if this is achieved, which is highly unlikely, the benefits of stabilising warming below 1.5 deg C will be seen several decades later. But farmers, fishermen, forest dwell-

ers, coastal communities, communities living in flood and drought-prone areas are already facing the adverse impacts.

The impacts will only intensify in the next 5 to 10 to 20 years, leading to increased loss and damage to food production, water resources and infrastructure, so farmers, fishermen and forest dwellers cannot wait for the world to reach Net Zero by 2050.

Measures and actions have to be taken now, urgently. We need to develop a good understanding of risks and impacts of projected climate change in the next 10 to 30 years on food

production, water availability, forest fire, health, infrastructure, etc. Develop climate resilient agricultural and water management practices, provide early warning systems and weather forecasts on droughts, floods and cyclones at panchayat level, develop disease monitoring and surveillance systems, build climate-resilient and climate-proof infrastructure.

The critical aspect of addressing climate change is the speed and urgency of action, and any delay will make it more expensive to address the adverse impacts.

CHENNAI RAIN SUBSIDES, MANY STRANDED DUE TO FLOODING

OMJASVIN M D @ Chennai

AS 32-year-old Vignesh looks out from his balcony, he sees people being ferried away on boats. As he awaits his turn to leave his house in Mudichur, he said, "Flooding is an annual affair for us." As on Friday, even after the rains stopped, hundreds of families like Vignesh's remained stranded in Mudichur and Thirunelmalai, low-lying areas in Chennai's southern suburbs, which remain inundated.

The situation is similar in other southern suburbs of Chennai such as West Tambaram, Perumbakkam, and Semmenchery, where rainwater inundation recurs every year.

"Our only solution is to sell our houses and vacate. But we could never find a prospective buyer as everyone knows this is a flood plain," rued Vignesh, who will return to his house, once the water recedes. S Ramarajan (56), a resident of Mullai Nagar in Mudichur, said his family, which has not been evacuated, is managing with existing food supplies as all the markets and shops have been closed. "There is still no electricity after four days. We cannot step out," he added.

With water yet to recede from roads, boats remain the



A boy uses a plank to float across an inundated street in Semmancheri, Chennai

main mode of transport in these suburbs.

Officials rescue 1,211 people, 96 animals

Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services (TNFRS) personnel have rescued over 1,211 people and 96 animals from waterlogged areas in the city in five days. TNFRS DGP Karan Sinha had ordered personnel and equipment to be brought from Vellore, Trichy, Coimbatore and Madurai for rescue operations in the city. Ten fire vehicles, 28 motor pumps and boats along with 300 fire personnel had reached the city on Sunday.

"In five days, water from 182 places around the city was cleared," they informed.

MORE SHOWERS IN STORE FOR TELANGANA

Hyderabad: Under the influence of cyclonic circulation, different parts of the State including Hyderabad have witnessed light to moderate rainfall, on Friday. Till 6 pm, Mangampet in Mulugu district has recorded highest rainfall of 36.3 mm, followed by Tadicherla in Jayashankar Bhupalpally (17.5 mm) and Kataram in the same district (13.3 mm), while Hyderabad experienced light rainfall in some parts and drizzle in many places.

HEAVY RAIN LEAVES A TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION IN AP

Tirupati/Tirumala/Nellore/Kadapa: Heavy rains that lashed different parts of Nellore and Chittoor districts have left a trail of devastation behind. Since Friday evening, the rains that lashed the region have subsided as the depression weakened into a low-pressure area. However, with more rains forecast across the state under the impact of the low pressure area likely to form in the Bay of Bengal on Saturday, administrations of both the districts are not letting their guard down.

Rain may delay tiger census in Karnataka

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE untimely showers have not just hampered the daily lives of citizens, but have also made it difficult for the forest department officials to continue with census at the tiger reserves and wildlife sanctuaries in Karnataka.

The heavy rain that has been lashing the state over the last couple of days has put a stop to preparation works like setting up of camera traps or even create transect lines and undertake preliminary assessment.

In some tiger reserves and wildlife sanctuaries, setting up camera traps has become a challenge, not just because of the shortage of equipment, but also because of the rains. "We are waiting for the sun to shine on us. Only after that can we move some cameras from one spot and place them elsewhere. We are worried about meeting the deadline for the census," said an official from the forest department.

The MoEFCC and National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) had asked states to submit the tiger census report by January, so that necessary corrections and re-assessment (if needed) can be done before releasing the reports on July 29, World Tiger Day.

Water bodies full in K'taka forests

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

HEAVY rains triggered by the depression in the Bay of Bengal may be a bane to neighbouring Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh states but it has turned into a boon to wildlife in southern Karnataka.

The bountiful rains have put apprehensions of harsh summer in the national parks and tiger reserves to rest. Several water holes and tanks in MM Hills, Bandipur, Nagarhole and Biligiriranganatha Tiger Reserve spread across 2,739 sq km across the Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala bor-



ders are brimming with water. Erratic monsoon and harsh summers in previous years had compelled the forest department to sink tube-wells and tap solar power to pump water to tanks to ensure that animals do not slip out of their territory to quench their thirst.

The department had also

drawn a plan to sink several borewells anticipating water scarcity inside the forest.

However, the late monsoon showers in October and extended rains in November has changed the scenario with the forest turning into lush green swathes and streams in full flow.

All the water bodies in Nagarhole are brimming as the region received 70 mm more rains this year.

Meanwhile, the MM Hills, which is vulnerable to forest fires in summer due to hilly terrain, has turned into a mini-hill station.

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No. PDA(1) CR/163/PRSC/2021-22 Date: 09.11.2021

Expression of Interest

Expression of interests invited by the undersigned from eligible contractors/artist/firm for repair, maintenance and painting of fiberglass sculptures, busts of Scientists and mural art work at Pilikula Regional Science Center. Last date for submission on 16.11.2021 upto 4.30 PM. For further details contact above office during office hours or the website www.pilikula.com
DIPRI/ADM/MCA/R35/21-22 dt. 12.11.2021

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INVITATION OF BID THROUGH E - TENDERING

Bid Identification No- 5/EE/RWSS/ 2021-22 /Bpt Dated.09.11.2021

O-913 01.Name of the work :- As per ANNEXURE - A

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No	Availability of tender online for bidding on office hour only.	Date of opening (Technical Bid)
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Executive Engineer, Kalahandi RWS&S Division, Bhawanipatna	51/EE/RWSS/ 2021-22/Bpt Dated- 09.11.2021	16.11.2021 10.00 AM	07.12.2021 05.30 PM
			08.12.2021 10.00 AM onwards

Cost of tender paper to be made online payment system. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal http://tendersodisha.gov.in. The original documents should be scanned and uploaded.

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No.5067/ Date:08.11.2021

O-926 "e" Procurement Notice for Road Works for the year 2021-22

1. Name of the Work	: Road Works
2. Total No. of Packages	: 2 NOS. Of Road Works
3. Estimated Cost of the package	: Varies Rs.105.68 lakhs to Rs.230.37 lakhs
4. Class of Contractor	: B Class & A class of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
5. Period of completion	: As mentioned in Column-7 of Annexure
6. Offered rates by bidder	: The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST.
7. Other details	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding	Date & Time of opening of tender
1	2	3	4
Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar	Tender-On-line-C.C.25 of 2021	16.11.2021 at 11.00 AM	30.11.2021 Up to 5.00 PM
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— Ramnath Goenka

LOADS OF LESSONS FROM LATEST ROUND OF CHENNAI FLOODING

Chennai and other coastal districts of Tamil Nadu have taken the brunt of another intense spell of rainfall during the last few days and many places were inundated. Comparing it with the 2015 deluge may be inapposite, but the incessant rains and heavy winds brought back without fail the haunting memories to many. It is definitely worth mentioning that this time around, various government agencies and municipal corporations were much better prepared and on their toes, bringing help to the thousands of people suddenly immobilised by the rains. Though electricity and water supply issues remain to be sorted out in many areas that are still under water, the agencies were swift to evacuate people marooned by the sudden surge. It was heartening to see how the Chennai Corporation's common kitchens served up pongal, upma and other dishes and kept the urban poor from going hungry. The death toll of 18 from across the state was way below 174 reported during the 2015 rains. A regulated release of water from dams and other resources around Chennai kept the city from excessive flooding.

However, there are many lessons that need to be learnt. This newspaper has reported several instances of encroachments along the banks of the Adyar and Cooum rivers. Government agencies and private players have also encroached upon the Ennore-Kosasthalaiyar basin, which protects residents of north Chennai by taking in huge amounts of flood water. The government needs to bring in effective measures to protect whatever is left of this fragile ecosystem. It should also consider adopting green solutions to address flooding. Rainwater harvesting needs to be made mandatory for all new real estate projects and individual houses. All existing water bodies and temple tanks can be deepened and desilted so as to retain more water. While the new stormwater drains have helped bring down the water levels quickly in several places, they seem to defy natural gradients in other areas. A scientific review should be carried out to address the problem.

KERALA GOVT'S DAM COVER-UP

The Kerala government's handling of the latest Mullaperiyar imbroglio has laid bare its weaknesses—clueless ministers, lack of coordination between various departments, and the propensity to hide facts from the public. If the order to cut 15 trees downstream of the dam to facilitate the strengthening of the baby dam is at the heart of the fresh controversy, what followed has only added to the government's embarrassment. While the order was first frozen and then cancelled and chief wildlife warden Bennichan P Thomas, who issued the order, was suspended, it's the way the minister squabbled—betraying their ignorance and incompetence—and departments blamed each other that stood out in the whole episode.

The fact is the order dated November 5 was the culmination of months-long deliberations among senior officials of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Yet, the ministers concerned in Kerala claimed they were not aware of the discussions. While water resources minister Roshy Augustine said no meeting took place, forest minister A K Saseendran admitted he was in the dark about the decision taken by a senior official. Documents indicate otherwise. CM Pinarayi Vijayan, who handles the interstate river waters portfolio, has not uttered a word, though the matter rocked the Assembly for three days in a row. He left it to the ministers to handle the fallout, with disastrous consequences.

While allowing the controversy to snowball is not in the interest of either state, the Kerala government must realise attempts to cover up and leaving an important matter like this in the hands of clueless ministers will only harm its cause. Its stated position in the issue has been: 'Water for TN and safety for Kerala'. Strengthening the baby dam is a proposal that was approved in principle by the apex court. It is also a step that addresses Kerala's concern for safety. Management and upkeep of the dam are not just a matter of political decisions any longer. They are also part of the SC's directions. Instead of succumbing to emotional factors, the government needs to logically analyse facts and take a decision that will help the state's cause. Kerala wants a new dam and insists only that will satisfy its concerns. It must fight for its cause legally, not politically. But it must also convince TN that its plans will not betray the neighbouring state's interests in any way.



I believe that a dog brings out the very best there is in man or woman. Dogs make me feel how shabby most of our loyalties are, how limited our patience, how destructible our love of one another

Kay Francis

The number of strays in India is declining and will come down even more. If it is not a stray, I don't understand a person's antipathy towards a dog

THOSE WHO DESERVE TO BE IN THE DOGHOUSE

BIBEK DEBROY



Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the PM

The Kerala High Court recently passed a judgment (People for Animals versus State of Kerala). Can a society have a by-law or agreement that absolutely prohibits residents from keeping pets? No, it can't. That will be unconstitutional and void.

Flowing from Article 21 of the Constitution, I have the right to keep a pet. However, naturally, every society has the right to frame rules for keeping pets. "While holding such clauses as illegal, unconstitutional and unenforceable, we have to observe that the aforesaid freedoms recognised in animals, and the correlational right recognised in pet owners, is by no means absolute or unconditional and must necessarily be qualified by safeguards designed to protect the competing rights of others including the owners/residents of neighbouring apartments." There can be rules on the pet riding a general lift, littering at random, or biting as it pleases. Though I said pet, usually, in such cases, one means a dog. The municipality can frame rules on how many dogs can be kept in an apartment or a house and insist on these being registered and vaccinated. I recall Bengaluru's

draft municipal rules from three years ago, where the municipality also sought to determine what breeds could be kept in an apartment, allowing a Labrador or a Dalmatian, but ignoring our very own Indie dogs. I think the new version is awaited.

Personally, I don't think a municipality getting into breed questions is a very good idea. We might want to maintain our distance from a Doberman or a Rottweiler, but not every German Shepherd is vicious. Singapore may not be the best example to follow. The Singapore Housing Development Board suggested pet dogs that bark excessively should be debarked, by removing a section of the dog's vocal chord. In my visits to Singapore, I have rarely seen a crow or a sparrow. They are probably confined to Jurong Bird Park. Dogs may well head in that direction.

How many dogs are there in India? The 20th Livestock Census, for 2019, gives us a figure of 9.4 million, a decline from the 11.7 million of 2012. The gender bias has also become worse. In 2012, there were 2.61 male dogs per female dog. In 2019, that figure has become 2.97. Of the total number of dogs, 6.9 million are

rural and 2.5 million are urban.

Where do you find the most dogs? Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. Counting dogs in a census is difficult. If it is a pet dog that stays inside the household, matters are relatively easy. The problem is with semi-pets that freely wander around and strays. Dogs have been part of the Livestock Census since 1982, but no one takes the canine part of the census seriously. The figure of 9.4 million is an under-count. That is a figure for stray dogs. As every country urbanises and develops, there is a switch from stray to pet and rural to urban. That same pattern occurs across states too. For pets, gender bias becomes more pronounced. People prefer male dogs, not female ones.

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AMIT BANERJEE

India, including pets? I don't think we have a clear handle on the figure, since registration isn't mandatory and if so, there is no enforcement. A figure of 20 million floats around for pets, but that probably includes cats too. If one ignores that and allows cats to be counted as dogs, we are talking about 20 million pet dogs and 10 million strays, a figure of around 30 million. Alarmist figures of 60 million cannot simply be true.

How many dogs are there in the US? The figure should make us blink, around 90 million. Or take Israel, with a very high dog/human ratio. How many dogs are there in the world? Probably around 900 million and around 500 million are proper pets (there are wild dogs too). In most developed countries, the dog/human ratio stabilises at between 1:6 and 1:10. Stated differently, we don't have too many dogs in India. We have too few.

The world is divided into dog-lovers and dog-haters and I can understand antipathy on the part of those who are scared of strays and rabies. In his 1926 "Is this Humanity?" series, Mahatma Gandhi was also extremely harsh about stray dogs. "There

should be no stray dogs even as we have no stray cattle." Elsewhere in the same series, "Failing such (municipal) provision, all stray dogs should be shot." We continue to have stray dogs and stray cattle. No sensible person will suggest stray cattle should be shot. "What, then, can a humane man do for stray dogs? He should set apart a portion of his income and send it on to a society for the protection of those animals if there be one. If such a society is impossible—and it is very difficult even if it is not impossible—he should try to own one or more dogs." Such societies are not difficult or impossible and do exist. There have been incidents from assorted parts (MP, UP, Punjab) where individuals have taken Gandhiji's advice seriously and have shot not strays but neighbours' dogs. There are others, who, lacking firearms, kill strays through other means. As I have pointed out, the number of strays is declining and will come down even more. If it is not a stray, I don't understand a dog-hater's antipathy towards a dog, or towards an animal in general. They deserve to be in a doghouse.

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KANHADASA'S YAKSHA OF PITALKHORA – KUBERA

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In ancient India, the name of the artist who had created works of art, say a sculpture, usually remained unknown; for, often the sculpture contained no signature, and no other source provided any information about the sculptor. A unique exception to this common phenomena is the so-called 'Yaksha from Pitalkhora', now in New Delhi's National Museum. Like many other yaksha sculptures, this was also named after the place, Pitalkhora, in Maharashtra's Aurangabad district, where it was found in c. 1953 by archaeologist M N Deshpande in front of a Buddhist *chaitiya* (shrine), now known as Cave No. 3.

What is unique about the sculpture is that it bears an inscription in Brahmi script of c. 2nd century BCE on the back of the palm of the right hand of the work. It reads, "*kanhadasaena hiramkaarena kataa*" or 'made by Kanhadasa, a goldsmith'. This text is unanimously considered as the artist's signature and so, all scholars had agreed that the work was carved by Kanhadasa. But the precise identification of the yaksha of Kanhadasa

remains unresolved so far. Deshpande wrote that "the... yaksha sculpture... is almost intact from the knees upwards except the missing left forearm. The sculpture represents a standing corpulent male yaksha with its hands raised upwards to hold a shallow bowl".

Further, a *vihara* (monastery) at Pitalkhora contains a badly damaged relief, which shows a horse along with a few other figures. It contains an inscription that reads, "Done by Kanha, the son of Samasa of Dhenukaakata." Another Buddhist *chaitiya* at Kondane in Raigad district, Maharashtra, contains a large male figure with an inscription that reads, "Made by Balaka, the pupil of Kanha". These three works make it clear that Kanha was a great master sculptor and trained many students, including Kanhadasa and Balaka. Since making sculptures was a family profession in ancient times, Samasa of Dhenukaakata might have been a sculptor as well.

Soon after Kanhadasa's work came to light, art historian Pramod Chandra had written

that a Buddhist tantric text by name *Mahamayuri* mentions a yaksha named Sankarin as residing at Pitangalya, the ancient name of Pitalkhora. Deshpande said that the sculpture of Kanhadasa happens to be "the most prominent of its kind in Pitalkhora", and hence it may represent Sankarin. But in the mid-1960s, M S Mate had said, "The Pitalkhora Yaksha, highly artistic creation though it is, is a motif and symbol common in the Sunga-Kushan-Andhra art and has little to do with any Sankarin." Later, Pramod Chandra wrote a detailed note on the sculpture under the title, 'A



Dwarf Yaksha by Artist Kanhadasa'. As he had omitted Sankarin in the note, I presume that the art historian had put aside his own earlier identification of the sculpture. In 'Yaksha Cult and Iconography', RN Misra had also rejected the identification of the sculpture as Sankarin, and suggested tentatively that the work may represent Nalakuvara, one of the two sons of Kubera, the god of wealth.

The name, Kubera, has been interpreted etymologically in different ways by many previous scholars. Way back in 1912, L A Waddell had considered Kubera as a compound word made of *ku* and *pito*, which mean respectively 'the earth' and 'a grain basket' (from pit or 'to collect'). Thus apparently, Kubera means 'the heaper of (the product of) the earth'; and, the same meaning in turn goes well with the divinity's chief role as 'the God of riches'. Since Kanhadasa's sculpture is shown holding with both the hands a basket on the



(Left) The sculpture from Maharashtra's Pitalkhora; (above) Kanhadasa's signature

head, the work in my opinion seems to be representing Kubera. Many scholars had also said that Kubera is shown as having only eight teeth. Further, as Deshpande had described, "The expression of the face" of Kanhadasa's sculpture "is full of wild joy resulting in a chuckle which exposes the teeth". In case Kanhadasa had only carved eight teeth in the open mouth of the yaksha, it would also strengthen the identification of the work as Kubera. Kanhadasa had also designed and carved in his sculpture a unique necklace, which contains two male figures. Incidentally, many ancient Indian texts mention a pair of male *nidhis* (hidden treasures) by name Padma Nidhi and Sankha Nidhi as the chief subordinates of Kubera. In the well-known Bhanu Gupta Kalpavriksha sculpture (3rd century BCE), now in the Indian Museum at Kolkata, the two *nidhis* were shown in the form of a lotus and a conch respectively. In case Kanhadasa, being a goldsmith, had carved the two chief *nidhis* as personified figures in the necklace, the same would further confirm the identification of the sculpture as Kubera. But either to agree with or refute the new identification, which has been proposed here by me, the work needs to be re-examined further closely, sooner than later.

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Youngsters, take note

It is heartening to read that the Navy Chief-designate R Harikumar is a teetotaler (Nov 12). This reminds me of Gandhiji, who promised his mother when he went for studies abroad that he wouldn't touch such things. Though Harikumar's family hails from Kerala, a state that has never advocated prohibition, it is laudable that he does not drink and no doubt Gandhiji, the Father of the Nation, still lives on. In a nation that has the highest youth population, this is a lesson to youngsters.

Rajakumar Arulanandham, Palayamkottai

Steps to prevent flooding

It's heartwarming to see the Sun God come out in Chennai for the first time after a week of rains and devastation. No doubt the city is limping back to

normalcy, but it doesn't mean that the work is over for the government. The regime must instruct the authorities to chalk out a clear deadline to clear existing waterlogging and begin preventive and periodic maintenance to prevent flooding in the future.

AP Thiruvadi, Chennai

UP govt's arrogance

This is with reference to Kafeel Khan fired over child deaths in hospital (Nov 12). The autocratic nature of the Yogi Adityanath government is evident in this decision. Blaming the doctor for negligence smacks of vendetta politics. It also shows the scant respect the state government has shown to the verdict of the Allahabad HC. Misuse of draconian laws including UAPA and sedition is the new normal.

Biju C Mathew, Thiruvananthapuram

Digital payment revolution

Demonetisation paved the way for the digital revolution in our payments ecosystem and UPI transactions scaling new records every month is testimony to this. Who would have imagined that even small financial transactions of ₹12, from buying fruits or vegetables from a roadside vendor to paying your hotel bill, will happen via your mobile phone. India is a world leader and pioneer in seamless digital payments at a massive scale and one should recognise that the notes ban did play a big role in this amazing story.

K Ramachandran, Chennai

Unite not in hate

This is with reference to *The climate in our brain must change* (Nov 12). Let us not unite in hate to destroy the planet, but rather join hands in the hope of

creating a world where the climate is conducive for the safe existence of man.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

Architecture and moksha

In the enlightening article *From Space to Consciousness: Indic Architecture – I* (Nov 11), the author has lucidly explained that architecture is a link between man and the divine. She deserves appreciation for explaining in simple terms how *moksha* (liberation) is not an other-worldly pursuit but a realisation in one's lifetime itself.

N Rama Rao, Chennai

Aranmula mirror intricacies

This is with reference to *Marvellous metal mirrors from Aranmula* (Nov 12). The writer has done a scholarly job to familiarise readers about the intricacies associated with the methods and

materials used in making the Aranmula Kannadi. However, *Val Kannadi* is only one among the various forms of the metal mirror and not its common name per se.

A Raveendranath, Aranmula

No bias in dependence

The UP government must be commended for placing married daughters of government servants in the category of dependents for the purpose of appointments on compassionate grounds (Nov 12). If there are no restrictions against married sons, there should not be any in respect of daughters too. The earlier rule that excluded them was perhaps based on the thinking that it was the job of husbands to take care of their wives. However, this may not always happen and in any case, the earnings may not be adequate.

KR Jayaprakash Rao, Mysuru



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'Hindutva, Hinduism not same hymn sheet'

Rahul Gandhi says religion doesn't preach killing innocents, rues party not propagating own ideology aggressively

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

LAUNCHING an attack on RSS-BJP, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday said that the right wing spreading hatred and killing innocent people is not Hinduism but Hindutva. He clarified that the two are different concepts.

Addressing an All India Congress Committee orientation programme at Sevagram Ashram in Wardha, Rahul said that ideological fight has become very important post 2014 and the divisive and hateful ideology of RSS-BJP has overshadowed the 'loving, affectionate and nationalistic ideology' of the Congress.

"We have to accept this and our ideology is alive and vibrant and overshadowed, partly because of the complete capture of the media and the Indian nation and also because we have not propagated our ideology among our own people aggressively," he said.

His remarks come after senior party leader Salman Khurshid in his book equated Hindutva with ISIS and Jihadist Islam, which veteran party leader Ghulam Nabi Azad called is factually wrong and an exaggeration.

Rahul observed that Hindutva and Hinduism are two different concepts, adding that otherwise, there would have been no need to use separate words to describe both.

"Is Hinduism about beating a Sikh or a Muslim? Hindutva, of course, is. But is Hinduism about killing? I have read the Upanishads. I have not seen it. Where is it written that you should kill an innocent man? I am unable to find this in Hindu scriptures, Islamic scriptures, Sikh scriptures. I can see it in Hindutva though," he said.

The MP from Kerala's Wayanad accepted that the Congress party did not propagate its ideology properly and called for mandatory training at all levels of the party.

"The Congress ideology...the ideology it follows, has been existing in India for thousands of years. Just like the RSS has its icons, the Congress has its own icons... They are different icons. But, we have them. It is about bringing in this ideological ocean and allowing our people to swim in it," he said.



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Rahul Gandhi

Ideology is there, but not in open

Rahul Gandhi said the Congress ideology, if studied and propagated deeply, has answers to all questions related to various issues of public concern — from Article 370, terrorism to nationalism. But the party doesn't give necessary tools to its workers to articulate them.

MP seeks legal advice to ban Khurshid's controversial book

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE BJP-ruled Madhya Pradesh could soon become the first state to ban former Union minister and senior Congress leader Salman Khurshid's controversial book — *Sunrise Over Ayodhya: Nationhood in Our Times*.

According to state home minister Narottam Mishra, the government is taking legal advice. "Once their opinion is with us, the book will be banned in Madhya Pradesh," he said.

The book, which was released recently, has kicked up a row, specifically due to two lines where Khurshid compares 'Hindutva' with radical Islamist terror groups ISIS and Boko Haram.

"Be it Congress leader Khurshid or makers of controversial webseries *The Suitable Boy* and *Tandav* or the same sex couple advertisement of Dabur and the Sabyasachi fashion label's semi-nude Mangalsutra advertisement, why do these people only take Hindus and Hinduism as soft targets? If they are so courageous, why don't they show the same creativity with other religions," questioned Mishra.

Mishra's stance on these issues had recently forced celebrity fashion designer Sabyasachi Mukherji to withdraw the controversial Mangalsutra jewellery collection advertisement. Dabur, too, had withdrawn controversial Karva Chauth advertisement. "Khurshid's book is condemnable. They don't waste an opportunity to divide Hindus into castes or divide our country. Was Rahul Gandhi not the first to go to those who said 'Bharat tere tukde honge'? Khurshid is working on the same agenda," Mishra said.



Party leaders decry equating Hindutva with terrorist acts

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

FORMER Uttarakhand Chief Minister Harish Rawat on Friday said that Salman Khurshid should take his words back regarding the comparison of Hindutva with terrorist organisations ISIS and Boko Haram in his book.

"Leaders should refrain from drawing parallels/comparisons which create divides in the society. I do not agree with Shri Salman Khurshid's comparison. He should take his words back," said the senior Congress leader.

Distancing the party and himself from his fellow Congress leader, Rawat added that this can be Khurshid's personal view. Leaders like him and the party do not agree with those views. Notably, other senior Congress leaders like former Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir Ghulam Nabi Azad have also disapproved of the comparison. Azad actually called this comparison 'factually incorrect'. The BJP has already gone ballistic on this, calling Khurshid's remark an 'attack on our faith'.

Rawat, a former Union minister, also criticised Kangana Ranaut's statement that India attained freedom after BJP came to power in 2014 and that the Independence of 1947 was actually a *bheekh* (alms) from the British.

"Now, some people will start saying India got freedom because Narendra Modi was born in this country. This is a false narrative which is totally unacceptable. The time for renaissance in our country has arrived. The Congress party must lead the way, with the support of the people of the country," added Rawat.



VAX DRIVE

Centre asks states to make district specific plans

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ New Delhi

WITH the number of balance and unutilised Covid-19 vaccine doses piling up to 18 crore, the Centre has sent a fresh reminder to states to come up with district-specific action plans and raise the inoculation coverage in areas most vulnerable.

So far, the Union health ministry has provided more than 121 crore doses to the states. There are 18.04 crore doses available with states. Overall, nearly 1.11 billion shots have been administered in the country so far.

The reminder comes as the government launches a door-to-door vaccination campaign targeting adults who have missed out on the second dose and also those who have not taken their first dose.

Last week, in a review meeting with officials from nearly 45 districts with low vaccination, PM Narendra Modi had asked authorities to prepare specific strategies for each village and town to take the inoculation level closer to the national average. He suggested micro strategies keeping in mind the experience so far to go for saturation coverage by addressing the gaps at local level while also instructing authorities to make specific strategies for each village and town.

The PM had suggested that teams of 20-25 can be formed and directed authorities to prepare region-wise timetables for local goals.



EAM S Jaishankar (C) with the US Congress delegation led by Sen John Cornyn in New Delhi on Friday. They discussed bilateral cooperation and regional issues | PTI

STRATEGIC TIME-OUT

Pilot meets Sonia, may bag senior party post

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ New Delhi

FORMER Rajasthan Congress chief Sachin Pilot on Friday met party president Sonia Gandhi and expressed hope that a decision on long-pending Cabinet expansion and political appointments would be taken soon, keeping in mind that Assembly elections are due in 2023.

Sources said that during the meeting, Pilot submitted a report related to the state and gave feedback on the work done by the state government. This meeting came a day after Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot met Sonia to discuss Cabinet reshuffle and organisational revamp in the state.

The decision on changes in the state is expected soon and people from Pilot's camp will be accommodated both in the government and party while he himself may get a senior

post in the party for the time being. He has been pushing for a change of guard.

After his meeting with the Congress president, Pilot said: "I have full confidence in the decision of the Congress chief. There is a need for changes, especially when the state is only two years away from Assembly polls. During the long meeting, we had a detailed discussion on the political situation in Rajasthan and the working of the government. She was keen to hear the feedback and it's worth appreciating that Madam Gandhi has been constantly taking feedback from the state."

The party has been trying to settle the differences between Gehlot and Pilot to quell infighting in the state unit. Gehlot, during his meeting with Sonia, said that the party should respect people who stood to save the government when Pilot rebelled last year.



Minority panel seeks reports on Kasganj, Tripura

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

THE National Commission for Minorities has issued notice to the Uttar Pradesh government and state police chief, seeking detailed response on the death of 22-year-old Altaf at the Kotwali Police Station in Kasganj district.

The minorities' panel has also taken note of the anti-Muslim violence in Tripura, where reportedly mosques, houses and shops of minority community members have been attacked. At a press briefing on Friday, NCM chief Iqbal Singh Lalpura said the commission has taken suo motu cognizance in both the instances and au-



thorities in Uttar Pradesh as well as Tripura have been directed to reply in 15 days.

The commission issued notices to the Director General of Uttar Pradesh Police and the Chief Secretary of the state on Thursday, asking them to share details on action and steps taken in the case of Altaf's custodial death. Called for questioning at Kasganj police station in a kidnapping case, Altaf died in custody on Tuesday. His family members alleged he was killed by police personnel. However, police claimed that Altaf had strangled himself.

Reportedly, five policemen have been suspended for negli-

gence and the state government has ordered a magisterial inquiry into the matter.

The commission wrote to the Chief Secretary of Tripura on November 8 regarding the communal incidents and targeting of Muslims reportedly by 'VHP activists' on November 14. The panel has sought details of these incidents, action taken against people involved in the attacks, information on the arrests and detentions made in this connection. The commission has also sought details of preventive measures taken by the Tripura government to avoid repetition of such violence. Last month, Tripura High Court had called upon the state to file a report.

Push for minority inclusion in film boards

The National Commission for Minorities is likely to recommend inclusion of people from minority communities in film clearing boards to curb projection of minorities in 'poor light' in movies across different languages. The Commission has sought responses from the information and broadcasting ministry and the Central Board of Film Certification after having received a series of complaints from Christian, Muslim and Sikh communities over objectionable portrayal of these communities. Sources said Muslim petitioners have highlighted the demonisation of the community in films.

Jury to pick 75 creative minds for film festival

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ New Delhi

TO select 75 creative and budding filmmakers, the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has set up a grand jury and selection jury. Selected youngsters will be invited to attend the India International Film Festival in Goa. The grand jury comprises prominent Hindi film personalities — lyricist Prasoon Joshi (also the chairman of Central Board of Film Certification), Ketan Mehta (director), Shankar Mahadevan (composer and singer), Manoj Bajpayee (actor), Rasool Pookutty (sound recordist), and Vipul Amrutlal Shah (producer and director).

Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and with an endeavour to encourage young

filmmakers, the IFFI had invited applications to pick 75 creative minds'. Those chosen will also be given access to the master classes or in-conversation sessions and get an opportunity to interact with industry leaders along with other activities. The IFFI will bear the cost of their travel and accommodation, said a statement issued by the ministry.

The selection jury has Vani Tripathi Tikoo (producer and actor, also member of CBFC), Anant Vijay (writer), Yatindra Mishra (author and writer), Sanjay Puri (filmmaker) and Sachin Khedekar (actor/director).

Last month, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur had said that the 52nd edition of IFFI would provide a platform to young budding talent.

Ladakh War Memorial dedicated to martyrs of 1962 & 2020

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

INDIAN Army has constructed a War Memorial in Chushul, which will be inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh next week, on the 59th anniversary of the famous battle of Rezangla.

"The defence minister will inaugurate the Rezangla War Memorial on November 18,"

said a source. He will be accompanied by Chief of Defence Staff, General Bipin Rawat. The new War Memorial will be on the tourist map of Ladakh. In addition to the names of 114 of the 120 soldiers of the 13th Kumaon Battalion who lost their lives fighting but defeated many waves of the Chinese



army in 1962, this War Memorial will also have the names of the 20 soldiers who died in Galwan last year in a clash with the Chinese soldiers. This will be the second Memorial after the Galwan War Memorial in Chushul of Eastern Ladakh.

The Line of Actual Control in Eastern Ladakh has been a

site of tense stand-offs with the PLA since May 2020. Although there have been disengagement of troops from Galwan, Gogra and North and South Banks of the Pangong Lake, confrontations continue in Hotspring, Depsang and Demchok. There are close to 60,000 soldiers of each side of the LAC.

Indian Army is prepared for every eventuality, said the

Army Chief recently, expressing concern over the increased deployment of forces on the Chinese side. Army Chief Gen MM Naravane said, "Yes, it is a matter of concern that large-scale build-up has occurred and continues to be in place, and to sustain that kind of a build-up, there has been an equal amount of infrastructure development on the Chinese side."

8 orphans abused at Raj shelter home by minors

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

EIGHT orphans staying at a shelter home in Jaipur were allegedly abused by two adolescents who were frequent visitors there. The police have caught the abusers started a probe after registering a case on the complaint of the state Child Rights Commission.

The victims are in the age group of 8-10 years. Reports said after the police and child protection teams arrived at the shelter, they were stunned by the conversation with the children. The culprits allegedly would often be drunk and force a victim to wake up many times at night. Almost all the people associated with the shelter home were

aware of this, but chose to remain silent, reports said.

Initial probe showed one of the accused brought to the orphanage about two months ago who

Case registered, children shifted

Shanti Berwal, counsellor of childline, filed a case against the accused at the Kotwali police station.

With the help of police, child welfare committee and the childline, 19 orphans at the shelter home have been shifted

visited the shelter home. They talked with the small children there who spoke about their ordeal. The boys made a video of the conversation which reached the Children Commission Chairperson Sangita Beniwal and the scandal surfaced.

Bengal to adopt motion on BSF jurisdiction

Union home secretary discusses border fencing with top state officials amid row over area extension for the force

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

ON a day Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla landed in Kolkata to hold a meeting with West Bengal officials on the issue of extending the jurisdiction of BSF from 15 km to 50 km, the state Assembly finalised a resolution opposing the Centre's move.

Minister Partha Chatterjee said the resolution would be tabled on November 16. "The move is against the federal structure. The Centre took the arbitrary decision without consulting the state government," he said.

He said if the BSF is allowed to operate within 50 km from the international borders, it will render 37 per cent area of the state's land under the border force's control and "clip the state police's authority".

On Thursday, the Punjab As-

sembly had passed a resolution opposing the Centre's order.

Bhalla, meanwhile, discussed with state officials boundary fencing, road projects, border outposts and integrated checkposts. He requested the state government to expedite the process of land acquisition.

State chief secretary H K Dwivedi, home secretary B P Gopalika and DGP Manoj Malviya attended the meeting while SPs of the districts which share borders with Bangladesh participated virtually. Sources said the issue of BSF jurisdiction was not discussed.

"Bengal has over 400 kms of stretches along the border where fencing is yet to be done. In the meeting, we were asked to speed up the process of acquiring land needed for fencing and other infrastructure BSF requires," said a state official.

Two Bangladeshis among three killed in Bengal as BSF fires at cattle smugglers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

THREE persons, including two suspected Bangladeshi cattle smugglers, were killed early Friday in a firing by the BSF near the border in north Bengal's Cooch Behar district.

The BSF claimed the personnel guarding the border had to open fire as the cattle smugglers attacked them. One of the jawans received minor injuries in the incident.

The ruling Trinamool Congress, however, alleged 'high-handedness' by the force and blamed the enhancement of its jurisdiction as the reason for the incident. The BJP, on the other hand, accused the TMC

'NO BULLET WOUND'

BSF's Additional DG Y B Khurania claimed only two Bangladeshis were killed in the incident. The third body that was found had no bullet injury, he said.

of "politicising every issue and maligning security forces".

According to BSF sources, the incident took place around 2.30 am at Sitai. "The miscreants from Bangladesh sneaked into Indian territory and tried to smuggle cattle by using improvised bamboo cantilevers at two places. We warned them to go back but they did not pay any heed and instead attacked our men with sharp weapons.

Sensing a threat to their lives, our personnel opened fire," said a BSF official. Later, bodies of two unidentified persons were found between the border fence and international boundary, he added.

District police officers said the two suspected Bangladeshi nationals were yet to be identified while the third deceased was Prakash Barman (35), resident of a nearby village.

TMC MLA from Cooch Behar's Dinahata, Udayan Guha, came down heavily on the BSF. "I've witnessed BSF atrocities since childhood. They torture people living in border areas. They can't kill anyone under any situation," he asserted.

MAYAWATI IN TIGHT SPOT WITH DESERTIONS GALORE

NAMITA BAIJPAI @ Lucknow

AFTER helming Uttar Pradesh for four terms, Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati now appears at the crossroads of her career amid questions being raised about her leadership. She has not been able to keep her flock intact ahead of the Assembly elections due in 2022.

A gradual erosion of the party began after 2007 and led to a steady migration of her supporters, reducing the BSP's socio-political space. The 'Bahujan' movement changed colours to include the upper castes in its scheme of things and weakened over the years as the party drifted from its social base.

The core social groups, which had been backing the BSP till 2007 Assembly elections in UP, have now sided with the BJP. This has led to the decline in the number of BSP's seats and vote share since the 2012 assembly polls.

In 2007, when the BSP won a majority, it fielded candidates on all 403 seats and won 206 with 30.43% of the vote share. This went down in 2012, when it could get only 80 of 403 seats it had contested. The vote share dipped to 25.91%. It emerged as the second strongest party in the state with the BJP slipping to third slot.

In 2017, the scenario reversed with the BSP moving to number three position as it could win just 19 seats of the 403 it had contested. Its vote share decreased further as it got only 22.2% of votes.

Mayawati's failure to project a charismatic second rung leadership hastened the BSP's decline. Instead of inducting the heavyweights from other parties, Mayawati

lost the stalwarts who had been with her right from the beginning. While Swami Prasad Maurya and Brijesh Pathak joined the saffron bandwagon in 2016, the likes of Lalji Verma, Ram Achal Rajbhar and Indrajeet Saroj defected to the SP recently.

Naseemuddin Siddiqui, Mayawati's most trusted lieutenant, also left her to find solace in the Congress. Other BSP leaders who defected to the SP recently included Ghatampur MLA R P Kushwaha, K K Gautam, Saharanpur MP Qadir Rana and former state BSP chief R S Kushwaha.

To arrest the dwindling support base under an overarching saffron wave, Mayawati cobbled up an alliance with arch rival Samajwadi Party for 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The alliance seemed unbeatable. But on ground, things did not work as expected and the BSP, after gaining 10 parliamentary seats, parted ways with the SP, blaming the failure on Akhilesh Yadav.

With only a few months left for the state polls, sources suggest eight more BSP rebel MLAs may join the SP soon. Political experts believe that as the BSP is witnessing a drought of second-rung leadership, its political relevance is also at stake as those active in the party have started ex-

ploring greener pastures.

"Those defecting from the BSP often accuse the leadership of losing its grip over the people. Prominent leaders who have defected since 2016 have accused Mayawati of arrogance and extortion as the key reasons for their departure. These complaints increased after the BSP broke its pact with the SP following an alliance in 2019 Lok Sabha polls," says Prof AK Mishra, a political analyst.

After a recent shifting of loyalties, BSP national general secretary and Mayawati's close confidante Satish Chandra Mishra has emerged as a thorn in the flesh of the 11 party MLAs who were sacked by her in the past two years. Many accuse Mishra of misleading Mayawati.

While making desperate efforts to retain its core base, Mayawati is pinning hopes on her nephew Akash Anand to mobilise the youth for the party. Akash, son of her younger brother Anand Kumar, has held a series of meetings with party leaders to chalk out a campaign strategy in UP. He was active in Punjab where the BSP has entered into an alliance with the Shiromani Akali Dal. He is likely to work with SC Mishra's son Kapil to woo the young voters in the state.



BAGHEL MEETS SONIA TO DISCUSS UP POLL

New Delhi: Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel Friday met Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and general secretary incharge Priyanka Gandhi Vadra to discuss upcoming UP assembly elections. Baghel, who has been appointed as observer for the state, held talks with Priyanka who has been touring the state to reach out to people and campaigning aggressively against the UP government.

Tripura: TMC, Left claim BJP harassing cadres

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

A day after the Supreme Court directed the Tripura government to make sure political parties are not prevented from conducting programmes in a peaceful manner, the Trinamool Congress on Friday alleged four of its candidates in municipal elections and some of their supporters were "physically manhandled" during campaign by BJP "goons".

TMC leader Subal Bhowmik said the party would bring the incidents to the Supreme Court's notice after filing a complaint with the police.

"The BJP-orchestrated attacks on the members of opposition parties in Tripura have not ceased. Even after the Supreme Court's order, four of

LOCAL POLLS A LITMUS TEST FOR LEFT

The CPI-M, which ruled Tripura for 25 years from 1993-2018, is contesting 206 seats. The polls will decide the fate of remaining 785 candidates contesting 222 seats. Votes will be counted on Nov 28.

our candidates and their supporters were physically manhandled by BJP goons. Some of the attacks were carried out when we were conducting a door-to-door campaign," Bhowmik alleged.

He said the candidates targeted were Panna Deb, Aparna Biswas, Poushali Dey and Padmini Bhattacharya. "Eleven MLAs have been targeted so far under BJP rule. No opposition party can work in Tripura," the TMC leader said.

The November 25 municipal

elections will be an acid test for the TMC as well as the Left parties, particularly CPI-M.

The TMC has set its sights on Tripura buoyed by its success in the West Bengal elections. The party, which is trying to grow at the expense of the Congress, is contesting 120 of the 334 seats in 20 urban local bodies (ULBs).

"Despite the attacks by the BJP, we are focussed on the upcoming polls. We are confident of wresting power in the Agartala Municipal Corporation



No display of non-veg food on Vadodara streets

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

VADODARA Municipal Corporation in Gujarat has issued verbal orders saying roadside stalls cannot openly sell non-veg food items, citing complaints of foul smell and cruelty to animals.

The civic body has launched a drive to penalise street hawkers selling non-vegetarian food openly. Hitendra Patel, chairman of the standing committee of the civic body, has verbally instructed officials to ensure implementation of the order that says stalls/carts must ensure meat is suitably 'covered'.

"It has to do with our religious sentiments. It may have been the practice for years to sell non-veg food by openly displaying it, but the time has come to correct it," Patel said.



Muslim community in Mumbai closes all shops to protest Tripura violence | PTI

STONE PELTING IN MAHA OVER TRIPURA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

MUSLIM organisations held protests in Malegaon, Parbhani, Nanded and Amravati in Maharashtra on Friday over violence against the community in Tripura. Some places reported burning and damaging of shops during the protests, but there were no reports of casualties.

Police deployment has been increased in all these locations. In Malegaon, protesters burned two tea and paan shops and pelted stone at hospitals. Some of these establishments belong to Hindus and some to Muslims. The protesters had appealed to people to shut down shops but some were open.

The protesters planned to

submit a resolution in protest against the Tripura incident to local government officials. More than 5,000 people joined the protest in Malegaon, which has a history of such conflicts.

Former chief minister and current Leader of Opposition Devendra Fadnis said the state government should not allow miscreants take law into their own hands on pretext of the Tripura violence. "Stone pelting and damaging of shops are causes of concern. The state government should take immediate steps and control the situation," Fadnis said.

Stone pelting incidents were also reported in parts of Nanded. Protestors in Parbhani demanded that President's Rule should be imposed in Tripura.

UTTAR PRADESH

Ex-minister, 2 others get life term for rape

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

THE Special MP/MLA court of Lucknow on Friday awarded life sentence to former Uttar Pradesh minister Gayatri Prajapati and his two accomplices in a gang rape case and also under the POCSO Act. The court had convicted the three on Wednesday and had reserved the order on sentencing.

Judge Pawan Kumar Rai of special MP/MLA court also slapped a fine of ₹2 lakh each on the three convicts including Prajapati, Ashok Tiwari and Ashish Shukla.

The court exonerated four other accused, including Rupesh, Vikas Verma, son of a senior PCS officer, Amarendra Singh Pintu and gunner of the former minister Chandrapal due to dearth of evidence.

Prajapati's lawyer claimed that the former minister was punished due to political vendetta and that he would challenge the order in Allahabad High Court.

A key minister in the previous Samajwadi Party government led by Akhilesh Yadav, Prajapati was jailed in March 2017 on the charge of gang-rape of a woman and sexual harassment of her minor daughter.

Officials expect drug to be priced ₹25-50 a tablet

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SOURCES in India's Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation told this newspaper that the regulator could give its verdict on the restricted emergency use of the medicine as early as this week as it is in the final stage of reviewing data

from about 700 patients in India. "This could pave the way for the launch of the oral Covid-19 pill in the coming weeks," said a senior official.

Officials in the department of science and technology said they expect the drug to be priced in the range of ₹25-50 per tablet. A patient would need to take 15-

20 tablets over a five-day treatment course.

"We are hoping that for every patient a course of this drug may cost only about ₹500-1000 which will be very affordable," said a high ranking official.

Sun Pharma, one of the companies licensed to make the drug in India, on Thursday said that

the firm will launch it under the name Molxvir at an "economical price." Eight companies including Sun Pharma, Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Natco, Hetero Pharma and Aurobindo Pharma have signed voluntary licensing agreements to produce generic versions of the drug and they have now applied for the REU.



Feather in the cap of city of crafts and folk arts

Srinagar has been chosen under the Unesco's prestigious creative city network in the Crafts and Folk Arts category. This paves a way for the city to present its rich heritage of handicrafts on the global stage. The UNESCO creative city network involves seven creative fields — crafts and folk arts, media, film, literature, design, gastronomy and media arts. The nomination for Srinagar was first filed in 2019 and then again this year. Preparations had started under the Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project in 2018 and a consultancy firm called Intach-Drona JV was hired after consulting all the stakeholders.



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SRINAGAR DIARY

Warning for private schools fleeing parents

Amid complaints that private schools in Kashmir are compelling parents to buy books and uniforms from their premises, the government has warned the schools of de-recognition and cancellation of NoCs if they are found to be indulging in such unethical practices. "All Chief Education Officers shall constitute special morning teams to verify the complaints received on account of sale of books/uniforms by the private schools, pressing parents for purchase from particular shop or school premises and replacing existing books with the new one, thus adding more burden on the parents. This practice is against the instructions that have been issued already earlier," said a circular from the Directorate of School Education Kashmir. It warned that deviation from these instructions shall be viewed seriously.

Court says no to token tax on vehicle owners

The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has asked the Union Territory government not to demand 9% token tax from vehicle owners for re-registration of vehicles purchased outside J&K. A division bench barred the government from demanding this tax. It also gave three weeks to the Commissioner Secretary to Transport Department, Transport Commissioner and RTO Kashmir for filing a response to a plea filed against the circular ordering 9% token tax. The officials have been asked to appear in person before the court on the next date of hearing.



Food safety violations strictly dealt with

The Srinagar administration has gone tough on erring Food Business Operators (FBO) for not maintaining the standards laid under the Food Safety and Standards Act. Teams of Food Safety Department conducted a special drive in various markets to check the quality of milk, milk products, fruits and vegetables. Over 20 milk samples were collected for tests and around 3 quintals of substandard milk was destroyed. The administration is preparing complaints against over two dozen outlets which were found to be violating sanitary and hygienic requirements.

LOST
R G SHAH, residing at 303, APT No. 17, 5th Cross, Rustambagh, Behind Manipal Hospital, Kodihalli, Vimanapura, Bangalore-17 was holding 173 & 5 shares of Piramal Enterprises Ltd with folio No. RR00015 & 00019842 respectively is lost/misplaced and not traceable.

IN THE COURT OF THE JUDGE, CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BANGALORE
C.MIS. No. 4384/2021
BETWEEN: 1) M. Sudeendran S/o. Late Marappa, aged about 30 years, R/o: No. 133, 8th Cross, Agara, Devarahalli, Bangalore-560 079. 2) Gangu, W/o. Sudeendran, aged about 34 years, R/o: No. 133, 8th Cross, Agara, Devarahalli, Bangalore-560 079.
AND: The Commissioner, The Registrar of Births and Deaths, BBMP Bangalore.
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas, the petitioner has filed petition for obtaining an order seeking direction to show said respondent authority to enter the death of petitioner father by name Marappa, S/o. Late Devarahalli, who was died on 20-09-2016 at No. 133, 8th Cross, Agara, Devarahalli, Bangalore-560 079 and accordingly obtain death certificate from the respondent.
If any person interested in the death of the petitioner in this matter, may appear at 11.00 am on 04.12.2021 to which date the case is posted for hearing, before the Hon'ble JUDGE, CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BANGALORE.
By Order of the Court, Sherstadar,
SBI ACMM Court, Bangalore.
Sri Keshava J.B. Advocate
No. 133, 8th Cross, Agara, Devarahalli, Bangalore-79.

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
'E-Tender Notice' Tender Notice No.: N-235-62 Tele Tender-5-2021
Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/Tele/HQ, North Eastern Railway/ Gorakhpur for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender for the following works from the contractors having sufficient experience as per eligibility criteria mentioned in tender document.
(1) Tender No. & Date: N-235-62 Tele Tender-5-2021, (2) Name of work: Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of IP based intercom exchange along with associated accessories at S&T Training Centre Gorakhpur of North Eastern Railway. (3) Tender Value: ₹9,90,765.80 (Rupees Nine Lakh, ninety thousand, Seven hundred sixty five and eighty paise only) (4) Earnest Money: Nil, (5) Validity of Earnest Money after opening of tender: 45 days, (6) Validity of Offer: 45 days (7) Place, date & Time of closing and opening of Tender: Office of the DSTE/Tele, North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur, 10-12-2021 at 15:00 hrs. (8) Completion Period: 3 Months, (9) Website where details of the tender notice & documents are available: www.treps.gov.in (10) For any changes of tender, Please check on internet website for Corrigendum of the original tender notice. (11) (1) Earnest money is to be paid through only payment modes available on <http://www.treps.gov.in> portal like Net banking, Debit card, Credit card etc. Manual payments like Demand Draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit Receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed: Not applicable. (2) Bid Security Declaration: The bidder to mandatorily submit the Bid Security Declaration on <http://www.treps.gov.in> portal. (3) The manual offers are not allowed against the tender and any such manual offers received shall be ignored. (12) The tenderers/bidders must have Class-III digital signatures and must have to register on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderers/bidders can participate on e-tendering. (13) All relevant papers must be uploaded at the time of participating in tendering process. (14) Detailed tender notices, Eligibility criteria, terms & conditions are available at website <http://www.treps.gov.in>
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[ERNAKULAM]
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DRC No: 85/2020 in OA No.16/2018
Axis Bank Ltd, Retail Assets Centre, Chicago Plaza, Rajaji Road, Kochi-682 035
...Applicant Bank/Certificate Holder
Vs.
Kristal Projects (India) Limited, No.1, 4th Cross, 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 076 & others
...Defendants/Certificate Debtors
DEMAND NOTICE
To,
1) **Kristal Projects (India) Limited**, No.1, 4th Cross, 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 076
2) **Kristal Infrastructure Limited**, No.1, 4th Cross, 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 076
.....Certificate Debtor Nos 1 & 4
In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A.No.16/2018** passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal - I, Ennakulam an amount of **Rs.91,55,950.24** (Rupees Ninety One Lakhs Fiftyfive Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty and paise Twenty Four Only) as on **26.10.2021** is due against you.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay: a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings. b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **26th day of October 2021**.
SD/- (Benoy G)
RECOVERY OFFICER
Note: Rule 16(1) of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961, which is made applicable by Sec.29 of the Recovery of Debt and Bankruptcy Act 1993, stipulates that "where a notice has been served on a Certificate debtor under Rule 2, the Certificate debtor or his representative interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money".
In all further correspondence the DRC number must be quoted.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[proviso to rule 8 (6)]

SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Koramangala Branch, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **16/12/2021**, for recovery of **Rs. 5,89,616/-** (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Sixteen Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr. Annayappa B N and Mrs. Manjula L.**, as on 04/03/2020, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be **Rs. 10,60,000/-** (Rupees Ten Lakh Sixty Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 1,06,000/-** (Rupees One Lakh Six Thousand Only)

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All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.20, computerized property No.152900200 401920021, Khashumari Khatha No.20/93/1A/220, carved out of old Sy. No.93/1A and New Sy. No. 93/1A1 and 93/1A2 situated at Hill View, Hosakote Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District. Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 49 feet, totally measuring 1470 Sq. Ft. and bounded on the East by :Plot No.19 West by : Plot No.21, North by : Private Property and South by :Road.

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NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Koramangala Branch, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **16/12/2021**, for recovery of **Rs. 7,13,571/-** (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy One Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr. Karthik B G and Mrs. Anitha K.**, as on 02/03/2020, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be **Rs. 10,00,000/-** (Rupees Ten Lakh Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 1,00,000/-** (Rupees One Lakh Only)

Description of the Immovable Property
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.09, formed in converted Sy. No.21/9, 21/10, 21/11 vide conversion order No.ALN(ST)SR:04/20113-14 situated in "Magadi Apple Layout" Ajanahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Bangalore. Measuring East to West 37 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1110 Sq. Ft. and bounded on the East by : Private Property, West by :Road, North by : Site No.8 and South by :Site No.10

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd. (www.canfinhomes.com). Please refer to the following link <https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx>
Sd/-
Place: Bangalore
Date: 12.11.2021
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Retail Assets Central Processing Centre - 40690
73, Shantharam Bestowal 1st Floor, Lalbagh Main Road, Sudhama Nagar, Bengaluru-560027
Ph: 080-22114022/22114021, Email: sbi.40690@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)
WHEREAS, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of the **State Bank of India Retail Assets Central Processing Centre Bengaluru**, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 8 And 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand notice Dated **13/06/2021** calling upon the borrower 1) **Sri. Jagadeesh M S/o Sri. Mahadeva S. No.482, 17th F1 Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095** 2) **Sri. Jagadeesh M S/o Sri. Mahadeva S. Flat No.204, 1st Floor, JS Block, "PROVIDENT WELWORTH CITY"** Kadatanamale Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore-560042. 3) **Office Address: Sri. Jagadeesh M S/o Sri. Mahadeva S. SCHENCK ROTEC INDIA LIMITED DURR-ECOCLEAN, UNIT-304, 3rd Floor, Money Point Building-59, K H Road, Bangalore-560027** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being of **Rs. 24,64,657/-** +Interest (Rupees Twenty Four Lacs Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven Only +Interest) as on 13/06/2021. 1) Under Home Loan A/c No.35274548295 of Rs.24,32,631/- as on 13/06/2021 & 2) Under SBI Suraksha A/c No.35276198359 of Rs. 32,026/- as on 13/06/2021. Together with interest from 14/06/2021 at contractual rate within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section 4 of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this day **07.11.2021**.

The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA RETAIL ASSETS CENTRAL PROCESSING CENTRE BANGALURU**, for an amount of **Rs. 24,64,657/-** +Interest (Rupees Twenty Four Lacs Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven Only +Interest) as on 13/06/2021. 1) Under Home Loan A/c No.35274548295 of Rs.24,32,631/- as on 13/06/2021 & 2) Under SBI Suraksha A/c No.35276198359 of Rs. 32,026/- as on 13/06/2021. Together with interest from 14/06/2021 at contractual rate, & other expenses, cost, charges, etc.

The Borrower/guarantor's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets,
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that part and parcel of Property bearing A Three Bedroom Apartment bearing No.204 (Property No.15020022500221817) on the Second Floor in Block/Wing "J5" of the Residential Apartment Complex Known as "PROVIDENT WELWORTH CITY" constructed in the land Comprised of Sy.No.30,31,32,33,34 & 161 of Kadatanamale Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, having Carpet area of 783.62 Square feet(which is inclusive of balconies and utility spaces) OR a plinth/built up area of 878.13 Square feet (which inclusive of balconies, utility spaces and walls of the apartment) and proportionate common area of 196.87 Square feet in all having a super built up area of 1075 Square feet together with an exclusive right to use limited common facility of One Semi-stilt Car Parking facility to be allotted separately and UDS of 0.0239% (equivalent to 312.47 Sq.ft) in the land. Standing in the name of Sri. Jagadeesh M S/o Sri. Mahadeva S.
Bounded By: East:- Land in Survey No.160, Doddaballapur Road, Land in Survey Nos.162, 163, 164, 40 and 41, West:- Land in Survey Nos.41, 29, 30/7(P), 31/4(P), 31/3(P), 31/2(P), 31/1(P), 34/2(P), 34/1(P), North:- Land in Survey Nos.37, 38 and 160.South:- Land in Survey No.41 and 29.
Place:Bangaluru
Date: 07.11.2021
Sd/- Authorised Officer
SBI, RACPC, Lalbagh, Bengaluru

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BANGALORE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Traffic Commercial Department, Central Office, 2nd Floor, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-27.
No. BMTCCO/TR/COM/2416/2021-22 Dt: 11.11.2021
TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 15/2021-22
(e-Procurement Platform)

Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation invites offers/bids from the interested Persons on monthly license fee basis for running General stalls/ Refreshment Room/ commercial-office/Parking spaces/Cleaning and Maintenance of Toilet Complex at various Bus Stations. And invites bids for allotment of 2BHk flat at Ebony St.Johns Woods Apartment at Koramangala (Tavarekere Road) for residential purpose. Last date & time for submission of bids is on: 02.12.2021 upto 12.00 hrs. Opening of Financial bids is on: 04.12.2021 at 12.30 hrs. Details for Rent, EMO & Area etc log on to: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and Contact no: 080-23010900; 23010901; 22371090; 22340060, 22340948 or 7760991026 & 7760991222. E-mail: ctmc@mybmtc.com
Sd/- Chief Traffic Manager (Com), (Tender inviting Authority)

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.KPCL/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT11828 Date: 11.11.2021

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through GoK e-Procurement portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from the qualified bidders for the work of "AMC of POM make UPS Systems Installed at Ambikanagar, Ganeshgudi and Kadra Projects". KPCL website: www.karnatakapower.com The last date for receipt of completed bids is: **26.11.2021 at 17.25 hrs.** Further details can be had from the Executive Engineer (O), O/o The Chief Engineer (O&M) Kali, KPCL, Ambikanagar-581 363, Haliyal Tq. Uttara Kannada Dist., State Karnataka. Phone: 08284-258625, Contact No.+91 9449599120 Fax: 08284-258615 e-Mail: kpcl.ambikanagar@gmail.com

Bank of Baroda
Branch: Basaveshwaranagar, No 119, 1st Floor, 80 Feet Road, KHB Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore - 560079, Ph: 080-2301561/23201562

NOTICE TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR
(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

"At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its Bank of Baroda, Branch Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrowers in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon you, was un-served/not acknowledged, this publication is now issued.

1.Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: **M/S G K Inc, Represented by Prop Mrs. Indira Basavaraju**, aged about 42 yrs, Having Place of Business at: No 24/1B, Ground Floor, 13th Cross, MTS Layout, Hoyalra Circle, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru - 560060. Residing at: No 11, Parijatha Street, 5th Cross Garden Villas, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Bengaluru - 560072. **Guarantor: Mr. Basavaraju S/o Siddappa**, aged about 50 yrs. Residing at: No. 11, Parijatha Street, 5th Cross Garden Villas, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Bengaluru - 560072.

Nature and type of facility	Limit	Rates of Interest	O/s as on (inclusive of interest upto 30.09.2021)
Cash Credit	Rs.95,00,000.00	9.40%	Rs.9,667,357.85
Term Loan 1	Rs.18,00,000.00	7.50%	Rs.1,776,365.70
Term Loan 2	Rs. 5,30,460.00	7.50%	Rs. 538,197.06

Amount Outstanding : **Rs.1,19,81,920.61** (Rupees One Crore Nineteen Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and Paise Sixty One Only) as on (inclusive of interest upto 30.09.2021) and interest other Charges thereon.

NPA Date: 27.09.2021 Demand Notice Date: 27.10.2021

Security agreement with brief description of securities: Primary Security of Hypothecation of stock of Agricultural chemicals and Collateral Security of EMDTO of Residential apartment in the name of Mr. Basavaraju, Flat No A211, A212, A213, Ashraya Budget Apartment, situated at Jigani Village, Anekal Taluk. (For mortgage of property it may be stated that Mortgage of property located at **FLAT No A211, TMC Khatha No 2452/538/67/40/A211**, SF located in the second floor of residential apartment "Ashraya Budget Apartments" having 549 sq feet, of super Built up area together with 170 Sq Feet of Undivided share
FLAT No A212, TMC Khatha No 2452/538/67/40/A212, SF located in the second floor of residential apartment "Ashraya Budget Apartments" having 545 sq feet, of super Built up area together with 169 Sq Feet of Undivided share
FLAT No A213, TMC Khatha No 2452/538/67/40/A213, SF located in the second floor of residential apartment "Ashraya Budget Apartments" having 800 sq feet, of super Built up area together with 186 Sq Feet of Undivided share
All three Residential Apartments Situated at Sites Bearing no 67, 68,69,70,71,72,73 and 74 Carved Out of Sy no 40/2 totally measuring 12000 Sq feet situated at Jigani Village Hobli Anekal Taluk Bangalore. Bounded on the East by : Road, West by - Road, North by - Road, South by - Road.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deems necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.
Date : 12.11.2021
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

DAVANGERE UNIVERSITY
University Secretariat, Shivagangotri, Davanagere-577007. Karnataka
Ph No: 08192-208029/ Fax: 08192-208008
No:DU-DVG/Academic/517/2021-22/2545 Dated:11.11.2021

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

Sub: Applications invited through ONLINE for Post Graduate and Diploma Programmes for the Academic Year 2021-22- Reg. Ref: Approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, dated: 11.11.2021
Applications invited through ONLINE for Admissions to various Post-Graduate and Diploma Programmes offered by Davangere University, at Main Campus Shivagangotri, Davangere/Post Graduate Center, Jnanagangotri Campus, Guddadaranganavanahalli, Chitradurga/Constituent Colleges/Autonomous College and Affiliated Colleges. The eligible Applicants seeking Admissions for Post Graduate and Diploma Courses shall go through the contents of this Notification and Prospectus carefully.

I. POST-GRADUATE DEPARTMENTS OF STUDIES, SHIVA GANGOTRI, DAVANGERE:		
Sl. No.	FACULTY-WISE PROGRAMMES	COURSES OFFERED
1	Arts	M.A:Kannada; English; Economics; History; Journalism & Mass Communication; M.S.W (Social Work); Political Science; Sociology; Hindi; Urdu; Criminology; Philosophy; Psychology; Music and Performing Arts; Master of Visual Arts: (M.V.A in Applied Arts and Painting)
2	Commerce & Management	M.Com;
3	Education	M.Ed./M.P.Ed/B.P.Ed.
4	Science & Technology	M.Sc: Biochemistry; Biotechnology; Botany; Chemistry; Computer Science; Electronics; Environmental Science; Food Technology; Fashion Design; Library and Information Science; Mathematics; Microbiology; Physics; Statistics; Yogic Science, Zoology; 1. P.G. Diploma in Financial Service (PGDFS); (Dept. of Commerce) 2. P.G. Diploma in Communicative English; (Dept. of English) 3. P.G. Diploma in Data Analysis - (Dept. of Economics) 4. P.G. Diploma in Yogic Science - (Dept. of Yogic Science) 5. P.G. Diploma in M.Voc., in Cyber Security - (Dept. of Computer Science) 6. P.G. Diploma in Clinical Dietics and Applied Nutrition - (Dept. of Biochemistry) 7. P.G. Diploma in Digital Media - Dept. of Journalism & Mass Media) 8. P.G. Diploma in Digital Art - (University College of Visual Arts, Davangere) 9. 3 months Certificate course in Yogic Science - (Dept. of Yogic Science)
5	P.G. Diploma Courses	

II. UNIVERSITY POST GRADUATE CENTRE, JNANA GANGOTRI, G.R. HALLI, CHITRADURGA:		
Sl.No.	FACULTY-WISE PROGRAMMES	COURSES OFFERED
1	Arts	M.A. Kannada; Economics; English; Social Work
2	Commerce & Management	M.Com.
3	Science & Technology	M.Sc. Botany; Chemistry; Computer Science; Mathematics; Physics; Zoology.

III. POST GRADUATE COURSES OFFERED BY AUTONOMOUS & AFFILIATED COLLEGES:		
DAVANGERE DISTRICT		
Sl.No.	NAME OF THE COLLEGE	COURSES OFFERED
1	Government First Grade College, Davangere.	M.A: Kannada; English. M.Com.
2	Sri Shivalingeshwara Government First Grade College, Channagiri.	M.A: Economics, Political Science, Sociology
3	A.R.M. College, Davangere.	M.Com.
4	A.R.G. College, Davangere.	M.Com.
5	S.B.C. First Grade College for Women & Athani PG Centre, Davangere.	M.A: English & Economics. M.Com.
6	Bapuji Academy of Management, Davangere.	M.B.A. (Admission through PGCE/KEA or University Entrance Examination)
7	Bhadra Institute of Management & Information Studies, Davangere.	M.Com
8	S.J.V.P. College, Harihara.	M.A., Kannada M.Com.

CHITRADURGA DISTRICT		
10	Govt. Arts College, (Autonomous) Chitradurga.	M.A: Kannada; English, History, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, M.Com
11	Government Science College, Chitradurga.	M.Sc.: Botany; Chemistry; Mathematics & Physics.
12	Government First Grade College, Hosadurga.	M.A: Kannada, History M.Com.
13	Government First Grade College, Challakere.	M.A: Kannada, Sociology M.Com.
14	Smt. Yashodharamma Borappa First Grade Women's College, Chitradurga.	M.A. in English

Sl.No.	Fees Particulars	OBC/GM	SC/ST/ Category-I	Details
1	Application Processing and Entrance Exam Fees	Rs.965/-	Rs.490/-	The fee shall be paid through ONLINE compulsorily. www.davangereuniversity.ac.in
2	Entrance Exam Fees for Additional Courses	Rs.880/-	Rs.440/-	

Submission of Applications: The Applications shall be submitted through ONLINE between 15.11.2021 & 01.12.2021. www.davangereuniversity.ac.in

Important: Candidates seeking Admissions to Post-Graduate and Diploma Programmes are hereby informed to visit University website: www.davangereuniversity.ac.in regularly for daily updates regarding Admissions etc. **No separate intimation will be sent in this regard.**

iv. COPIES DOCUMENTS REQUIRED ALONG WITH APPLICATION:
1. SSLC/X Standard Marks Card
2. Degree Marks Cards (Year-wise of all the Semesters)
3. Category and Income Certificate.
4. Aadhaar Card.
5. With respect to Physically Challenged/Sports/NSS/NCC/Rovers and Rangers/Children of Defence Personnel /HK- 371(JJ) Kannada Medium the Applicants shall submit the copies of the required document issued by the Appropriate Authority.

v. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION:

- The Applications shall be submitted only through ONLINE (www.davangereuniversity.ac.in) for all the Post-Graduate Courses along with the required copies of documents as shown in Para (IV) between 15th NOVEMBER 2021 and 1st DECEMBER 2021.
- The eligible candidates shall submit only SINGLE APPLICATION for all the P.G. Programme/subject offered at various P.G. Departments of the University, Davangere/P.G. Centre, Chitradurga/Constituent College/Autonomous Colleges/Affiliated Colleges for which the Candidate seeks Admission. However, Application Processing and Entrance Exam Fee shall be paid separately for each Programme/Subject.
- Information relating to Admissions will be uploaded only on the University Website (www.davangereuniversity.ac.in). The Applicants shall visit the University website daily. **No separate intimation will be sent in this regard.**

: Schedule of Entrance Exam and Admission Counselling Process:		
Sl. No.	Particulars	Date
1	Last date for ONLINE submission of application	01.12.2021
2	Entrance Exams: (Separate Time table will be uploaded for Entrance Exam for each P.G. Programmes)	04.12.2021 05.12.2021 06.12.2021
3	Announcement of Provisional Merit List	08.12.2021
Counselling and Centralised Admission to all P.G. Programmes		
4	Merit Category and Special Category	09.12.2021
5	Open Merit Category	10.12.2021
6	Commencement of Classes	13.12.2021

- The candidate loses his/her right to admission in case of non-compliance of any of the requirements for admission including the non-submission of relevant documents, non-availability of original documents, non-payment of fees within the prescribed date and time and /or not reporting to the concerned University-Department/Colleges within the prescribed date and time.
- If at any stage original documents relating to the admission of a candidate are found to be fake / non-genuine or fabricated or in any other manner defective, the said candidate will not be admitted and if already admitted, admission will be cancelled without any prior notice in this regard. If the same is found after the completion of programme/course, his / her degree will be withdrawn and appropriate legal action will be taken against him /

OVERRUN

American mission building in Yemen seized by Houthis

US calls on Iran-backed group to release its local staffers and return all confiscated assets

SAANA

IRAN-backed Houthi rebels have overrun the building that housed US embassy in Yemen and taken an unspecified number of local workers of the embassy as hostages.

While operations of the embassy were moved to Riyadh in 2015 due to the civil war in Yemen, the US has retained the building and a limited number of local staffers have continued to work there.

The US on Thursday called on Houthis who control Yemen's capital Sanaa to release the hostages, who work for the US embassy.

The compound that used to serve as the embassy has been breached, a State Department spokesperson confirmed.

Most of the detainees have in fact been released but the rebels continue to hold Yemeni employees of the embassy, the spokesperson said.

"We are concerned that Yemeni staff of the US Embassy in Sanaa continue to be detained without explanation and we call for their immediate release," the spokesperson said. The spokesperson also called



on the Houthis to "immediately vacate" the embassy compound and return all seized property. At a briefing Tuesday, State Department spokesman Ned Price declined to say how many local employees had been detained or why.

"We are committed to ensuring the safety of those who serve the US government overseas, and that is why we are so actively engaged on this matter, including through our international partners," Price said.

The United States transferred embassy operations to Riyadh in 2015 because of Yemen's civil war, which pits the Houthi rebels against the US and Saudi-backed government.

The war has created what the United Nations has described as the world's worst humanitarian crisis. Agencies

Turkey curbs travel to Belarus to ease migrant crisis

MOSCOW

THE European Union said on Friday it was making progress in tackling a migrant crisis on the Belarus-Poland border after Turkey barred the citizens of three West Asian countries from flying to Belarus.

Hundreds of migrants, mainly Kurds from West Asia, have been stuck for days on the border in near-freezing temperatures, with the WHO saying on Friday it was "very concerned" about their plight.

Poland is refusing to allow them to cross, with the West accusing Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko of bringing them into the country to send over the border in revenge for sanctions.

In the first move to prevent



A group of migrants moves along the Belarusian-Poland border on Friday | AFP

more migrants from arriving, Turkey said that Iraqis, Syrians and Yemenis would no longer be allowed on flights from Turkey to Belarus be-

cause of "the problem of illegal border crossings" into the EU. "We are seeing progress on all fronts," European Commission vice president Margaritis

Schinas told a press conference in Lebanon, adding that he would soon be travelling to Iraq and Turkey.

A German foreign ministry spokeswoman said talks were continuing with airlines and countries along possible migrant routes, and that the Turkish ban showed "we already have some success".

Amid reports this week of more flights from Turkey and the West Asia carrying migrants to Minsk, Western countries are demanding Lukashenko and his main ally Russia take steps to end the crisis.

After an emergency meeting at the UN Security Council on Thursday, the US and European delegations accused Minsk of endangering lives for political purposes and trying to divert

attention "from its own increasing human rights violations".

Minsk and Moscow have accused EU countries of failing to live up to international standards by blocking the migrants, who they say are seeking shelter after Western military "adventures" in West Asia.

In a show of support for Minsk, Russia has sent strategic bombers to patrol over Belarus this week and on Friday the two countries said a joint battalion of paratroopers was holding snap drills near the Polish border.

Moscow has rejected any claims it is involved in the migrant crisis, with President Vladimir Putin telling Europe it should "restore contacts" with Minsk if it wants a resolution. Agencies

Much-awaited Biden-Xi virtual summit on Monday

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden will hold a hotly anticipated virtual summit with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping on Monday, the White House announced, as tensions mount over Taiwan, human rights and trade.

Relations between the world's two largest economies have deteriorated in recent weeks, in particular over Taiwan, a self-ruling democracy claimed by China, which last month made a record number of air incursions near the island.

Washington has repeatedly signaled its support for Taiwan in the face of Chinese aggres-

sion, but the United States and China reached a surprise agreement on climate at a summit in Glasgow.

"The two leaders will discuss ways to responsibly manage the competition" between the two countries "as well as ways to work together where our interests align," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said in a statement on Friday.

"Throughout, President Biden will make clear US intentions and priorities and be clear and candid about our concerns with the PRC," Psaki said, referring to Beijing by the acro-

nym for the People's Republic of China.

The virtual talks will take place "in the evening" on Monday in Washington — meaning early Tuesday in Beijing, she announced.

Biden and Xi have talked by phone twice since the veteran Democrat moved into the White House. The pair also met extensively when Biden was serving as vice president to Barack Obama, and Xi was vice president to Hu Jintao.

Biden had hoped to meet Xi at a recent Group of 20 summit in Rome, but the Chinese leader

has not traveled since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic and instead agreed to virtual talks by the end of the year.

The US president has largely kept the tougher approach on Beijing of Donald Trump, with both administrations considering a rising China to be the top challenge of the 21st century.

On Thursday, Xi warned against a return to Cold War-era divisions in the Asia-Pacific. "Attempts to draw ideological lines or form small circles on geopolitical grounds are bound to fail," he told virtual conference on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit. AFP



FRIENDLY FIGHT

Two Afghan men wrestle as spectators watch in the background during a weekly spectacle of wrestling in Kabul on Friday | AFP

France probes alleged rape at presidential palace: Report

PARIS

FRENCH prosecutors are investigating the alleged rape of a female soldier by a fellow serviceman at the presidential palace in Paris, a source said on Friday, a case that could cast a shadow over Emmanuel Macron's administration.

The alleged assault took place after a going-away reception for a general and two others that Macron attended in July, according to French daily *Liberation*, which first reported the accusations.

The accused soldier was named an assistant witness after questioning by prosecutors on July 12, indicating he remains subject to further interrogations but has not been formally charged. Macron's office has made avoiding presidential scandals a priority since embarrassing revelations that one of his bodyguards assaulted young demonstrators while posing as a police officer during a May Day protest in 2018.

"Since the Benalla affair Patrick Strzoda, Emmanuel Macron's chief of staff, wants to respond resolutely and quickly as soon as there is any inappropriate behaviour by anyone working at the Elysee," the presidential source said.

Liberation reported the two soldiers were colleagues deployed at the high-security general staff office at the Elysee Palace in charge of sensitive government matters.

It said the woman filed the rape complaint at a nearby police station a few hours after the reception. AFP

SRI LANKA TO IMPOSE TAX ON CAR CRASHES

SRI LANKA SLAPPED A TAX ON ROAD ACCIDENTS IN A DRASTIC AUSTERITY BUDGET UNVEILED ON FRIDAY AS THE COUNTRY FACES A MAJOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE CRISIS

A DESPERATE MEASURE TO SHORE UP BUDGET

Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa said vehicle accidents will be taxed under new revenue proposals to keep the budget deficit at 8.8 per cent of GDP in 2022, down from 11.1 per cent this year

"It is proposed to impose a fee on vehicles meeting with accidents," Rajapaksa told parliament. "Through this initiative, it is expected to reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents"

He did not give details of the crash tax



3,000

people die due to traffic accident on an average in Sri Lanka each year

COLOMBO STARES AT SERIOUS CRISIS

Rajapaksa admitted that the country was facing a serious crisis with foreign reserves at \$2.3 billion, down from \$7.5 billion when his brother Gotabaya took over as president two years ago

There were no measures to ease the import ban on a host of goods, including vehicles, spares, tiles and even some essential food imports, imposed in March last year.

However, Rajapaksa raised taxes on cigarettes, liquor and slapped a one-off tax on firms earning profits over \$10 million and raised the VAT on financial services from 15 to 18%

He also announced raising the retirement age of public servants from 60 to 65 years, a move that will delay the payment of terminal benefits to thousands of employees and thereby reduce government spending for the next five years



SINGAPORE

Website editor found guilty of defamation

The editor of a shuttered Singaporean news website may face jail after being convicted on Friday of defaming government ministers over a letter published on the portal alleging corruption. It is the latest case to fuel concerns about worsening press freedoms in tightly controlled Singapore. The *Online Citizen* had long been in the government's crosshairs, and finally had its licence cancelled last month over a failure to declare funding sources. On Friday, chief editor Terry Xu was convicted of defaming cabinet members over the publication of a letter on the site stating there was "corruption at the highest echelons", according to court documents

ASIA MATTERS



THAILAND

Reopening of entertainment venues put off till January 15

Thailand on Friday said it would delay the reopening of nightlife entertainment venues to January 15. A spokesman for the government cited concerns about ventilation and inefficient prevention measures in pubs, bars and karaoke joints. The country recorded 7,305 new cases and 51 deaths on Friday. About 65 per cent of the population have been partially vaccinated

INDONESIA

Islamic body forbids cryptocurrency trading

Indonesia's top religious body has declared that Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies are forbidden under Islamic law and should not be traded in the world's biggest Muslim majority nation. The country's powerful Ulema Council issued a fatwa, or religious edict, as virtual currency trading soars in Indonesia and elsewhere. Fatwas have no legal effect in the Southeast Asian nation of 270 million, but the declaration could potentially convince many Muslims to avoid cryptocurrencies. Following a meeting on Thursday, the Council likened cryptocurrency trading to gambling, which is haram or forbidden under Islamic law

NEVER TOO OLD

At 89, US man fulfils lifelong dream of getting PhD

EAST PROVIDENCE (U.S.)

AN 89-year-old man from the US's Rhode Island state has achieved a goal he spent two decades working toward and nearly a lifetime thinking about — earning his PhD and becoming a physicist.

Manfred Steiner recently defended his dissertation successfully at Brown University in Providence. Steiner cherishes this degree because it's what he

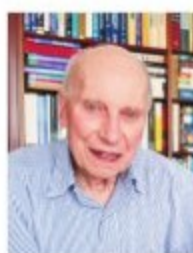
always wanted — and because he overcame health problems that could have derailed his studies.

"But I made it, and this was the most gratifying point in my life, to finish it," he said.

At age 70, he started taking undergraduate classes at Brown, one of the Ivy League universities. He was planning to take a few courses that inter-

ested him, but by 2007, he accumulated enough credits to enroll in the Ph.D. program. Physics Professor Brad Marston was skeptical when Steiner entered his quantum mechanics class. Marston had taught graduate students in their 40s, but never in their 70s.

Then he realized how serious Steiner was about the subject and how hard he worked. Marston became Steiner's adviser for his dissertation. "He has written many papers in medical science, more papers than I've written in physics. He already had a scientific way of thinking that younger students have to develop," Marston said this week Steiner now hopes to help, with their research, professors he befriended during his studies. "I'm not looking for a paid job," he said. AP



Assange granted permission to marry partner Stella Moris at British prison

LONDON

BRITISH prison authorities have given WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange permission to marry while in custody, his fiancée has said, as he awaits a key court decision over possible US extradition.

Assange, wanted by Washington to face various charges related to the mass leak of classified documents, plans to marry Stella Moris, a former member of his legal team with whom he has two children.

He is being held at Belmarsh high-security jail in London while the High Court prepares to rule on a US appeal against a lower court's decision to block his extradition.

WikiLeaks said in a statement late on Thursday that the couple had launched legal ac-



Stella Moris

tion after they "were essentially being blocked from being able to marry".

"Good news: UK government has backed down 24h before the deadline," Moris wrote on Twitter alongside a photo of the pair standing beneath a rainbow.

"Julian and I now have permission to marry in Belmarsh prison," she said.

"I am relieved but still angry

that legal action was necessary to put a stop to the illegal interference with our basic right to marry."

A Prison Service spokesperson said: "Mr Assange's application was received, considered and processed in the usual way by the prison governor, as for any other prisoner."

Australian national Assange, 50, was arrested in Britain in 2019 for jumping bail, after spending seven years inside Ecuador's embassy in London to avoid extradition to Sweden where he faced allegations of sexual assault. These were later dropped.

The US government has indicted him on 18 charges relating to WikiLeaks' 2010 release of 5,000,000 secret files detailing aspects of military campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq. AFP



PV sales drop 27% in Oct on chip shortage

Unlikely to witness total recovery going forward as semiconductor shortage may continue to hamper production

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PASSENGER vehicle (PV) wholesales in India have dropped 27% year-on-year in October on account of semiconductor shortage that resulted in lower production despite robust demand.

Auto industry body SIAM on Thursday said, domestic PV sales stood at 2,26,353 units (excluding Tata Motors) in October 2021 as compared with 3,10,294 units in the same period last year. Sequentially, however, PV sales witnessed improvement that had fallen to 1,60,070 units in September.

Rajesh Menon, Director General, SIAM said, "The Passenger Vehicles sales in October 2021 were down by (-) 27.15% and Two-Wheelers were down by (-) 24.94% compared to Octo-

ber 2020. Though the number of three-wheelers in October 2021 sold were more than the previous year, it is still less than half of what was sold in October 2019."

"Manufacturers were banking on the festive season to recover from the severe drop in sales they have faced in the early part of FY22. However, shortage of semiconductors and steep hike in raw material cost have been major spoilsport for the industry," he added.

Going forward, PV sales are unlikely to witness total recovery as semiconductor shortage crisis may hamper production of different original equipment manufacturers at least till March 2022. India's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki, which had reported 32% year-on-year drop in October dispatches, had earlier said that it expects its

total vehicle production volume in its facilities in November to be around 85% of the normal production.

Similarly, two rating agencies- Crisil Ratings and India Ratings- had cut down growth forecasts of India's PV market amid deepening shortage of semiconductors. While Crisil expects the PV market to grow 11-13% year-on-year in FY22 against the earlier forecast of 14-16%, India Ratings expects growth to moderate at 15-18% y-o-y during FY22 from the previous estimate of 18-22%. This growth will come on low base of FY21 when sales were impacted by Covid-19 and lockdowns.



DOMESTIC WHOLESALSA FOR OCTOBER



ONE OF A KIND

PM launches RBI's retail direct scheme for investors

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IN order to provide opportunities to retail investors to participate in the government securities market, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched the retail direct scheme.

The investors will be able to easily open and maintain their government securities accounts online with the RBI for free. Leveraging technological advancements, the scheme offers a portal avenue to invest in central government securities, treasury bills, state development loans and sovereign gold bonds.

India will be among select few countries offering such a facility.

PM added that this would provide access to small investors to earn assured returns by investing in securities and it will also help the government to garner funds for nation-building.

In July 2021, the Central Bank announced that investors will be able to access bidding in primary auctions as well as the trading platform for government securities (G-Sec) called Negotiated Dealing System-Order Matching Segment (NDS-OM).

He also launched the Reserve Bank-Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS), aimed at further improving the grievance redress mechanism for resolving customer complaints against entities regulated by RBI.

This scheme (RB-IOS) will do away with the jurisdictional limitations as well as limited grounds for complaints. RBI will provide a single reference point for the customers to submit documents, track status of complaints filed and provide feedback. The complaints that are not covered under the ombudsman scheme will continue to be attended to by the Customer Education and Protection Cells (CEPCs).

Crypto craze catching on as platforms record robust growth in user base

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

THE 'cryptocurrency craze' among millennials is very evident as crypto exchanges are recording robust growth, especially in the past few months.

Crypto platforms are registering the highest number of users and are expanding their user base. Recently, the market capitalisation of the global crypto market has hit \$3 trillion.

One of the crypto exchanges WazirX has recorded a trading volume of over \$36 billion in 2021 with an average of 44% month-on-month growth. The platform witnessed over 10X sign-ups in 2021. The massive growth is due to 'Work-from-Home' and technological advancements in recent years.

Another crypto exchange CoinSwitch Kuber crossed 11 million registered users in just 15 months. It plans to deliver diverse investment options to its growing customer base.

Sharan Nair, Chief Business Officer, CoinSwitch Kuber told *TNIE* that they are educating more and more Indians on topics such as the benefits of investment, ways of improving

financial well-being, the importance of research before investing to make informed financial decisions, and more.

"We believe that a progressive regulated framework will create a prosperous ecosystem and encourage more Indians to start investing in a secure environment," he said.

Another platform Panther Quant, which is still in the nascent stage, said it tested and traded on the live crypto market to optimise its strategies, and obtained fascinating results. "For instance, in the last two quarters, we gained 30x profit on our investment while the market was down by 13%. Our maximum drawdown was 31% compared to 55% of BTC (Bitcoin)," said Manav Bajaj, Founder, Panther Quant.

According to NASSCOM, CryptoTech industry is a fast-growing industry globally and the market is expected to reach \$2.3 billion by 2026 globally. At present, the size of the market is \$1.6 billion.

It may be noted that recently RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das cautioned investors on the potential pitfalls of the digital currency.



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SHARAN NAIR, CBO, CoinSwitch Kuber

Parliamentary Committee to meet leading crypto players on Monday

NEW DELHI: As the government is softening its stance against cryptocurrency, parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance has invited leading crypto players in India on Monday to understand the blockchain technology and how cryptocurrency functions. Lok Sabha has listed the meeting as "Hearing of the views of associations, industry experts on the subject of 'CryptoFinance': Opportunities and challenges," to be hosted by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on November 15. Among the players invited, are the members of the India Internet and Mobile Association (IAMI) Blockchain and Crypto Assets Council (BACC) like CoinSwitch Kuber, CoinDCX, WazirX, Unocoin among others. The industry looks at it as a significant step towards the cryptocurrency industry. The centre after delaying cryptocurrency bill on two parliamentary sessions, is likely to take regulation route with a new cryptocurrency law.

EXPRESS READ

Hero MotorCorp to launch EV by March 2022

NEW DELHI: Two-wheeler maker Hero MotorCorp said it will launch its first electric vehicle by March 2022. Hero's EV will be manufactured at its plant in Chittoor. "In keeping with its Vision - 'Be the Future of Mobility' - Hero MotorCorp is committed to bringing sustainable mobility solutions to its customers and is accelerating its focus on producing electric vehicles (EVs) as an integral part of its product portfolio," said Hero in its Q2 earning statement. Riding on a volume of 14.38 lakh units sold during the quarter, the company's Revenue from Operations for the quarter stood at ₹8,453 Crore. EBITDA margin for the quarter was at 12.6%.

Finance Minister to meet state CMs in a move to boost capital expenditure

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IN a move to boost capital expenditure, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman will meet the state chief ministers and Finance Ministers on Monday, to monitor release of funds and push key infrastructure departments to ensure timely completion of projects.

"In order to take India to higher growth, there are actions to be taken by the private sector, and there are policy actions to be taken by the Government. Some

of the actions lie with the Central government and the central government has been making efforts to do what is needed. But, several of the things which are needed to push India to a sustainable higher growth path lie with states," Finance Secretary T V Somanathan said.

The FM will push them to increase their capital spending in the second half of the year to support economic growth. In Budget 2021-22, the finance minister had increased the capital expenditure to ₹5.54 lakh crore - 26% more than the re-

vised estimate of ₹4.39 lakh crore for 2020-21.

Against the annual target of ₹5.54 lakh crore, the government has achieved capital expenditure to the tune of ₹2.29 lakh crore, 41% of the budget estimate in the first half of the current financial year.

The Centre has incentivised the States to emphasise on capital expenditure. Under the scheme 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure for 2021-22', the Centre has approved capital projects worth ₹2,903.80 crore in 8 States, and has also released an amount of ₹1,393.83 crore to these States.

City Union Bank posts 15% growth in net profit to ₹180 crore in Sept quarter

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TAMILNadu-based City Union Bank has posted a 15% increase in net profit to ₹182 crore in the quarter ended September 2021 compared to ₹157 crore in the same quarter last year.

The bank logged growth in profit despite total income showing a slight decline.

Total income during the quarter was ₹1,225 crore compared to ₹1,230 crore in the same quarter last year. Net interest income also witnessed a marginal fall of ₹38 crore to ₹1,022 crore. Non-interest income in-



creased 20% to ₹203 crore.

The bank managed to keep its interest income 7% lower at ₹544 crore during the second quarter in 2021-22 compared to ₹586 crore in the same quarter

last year. Net Interest Margin stood at 4.03% at the end of the quarter.

However, the bank witnessed worsened asset quality during the quarter as gross NPAs rose 214 basis points year-on-year to 5.58% and net NPA almost doubled to 3.5%.

Advances grew by 7% from ₹35,437 crore to ₹38,012 crore, while Deposits increased by 12% from ₹41,021 crore to ₹46,316 crore.

CASA deposits increased by 26% from ₹10,645 crore to ₹13,411 crore and the CASA ratio stood at 29% to total deposits.

Japan invested \$9.2 bn in Indian start-ups till May

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

THE Indian start-up ecosystem is thriving and many start-ups are witnessing an upsurge of foreign investments. Of late, Japanese investments are playing a huge role, as the country's investments in Indian start-ups have grown rapidly over the last five years.

Consul General of Japan in Bengaluru Sugita Akiko (in picture) told *TNIE* that Japanese investments in Indian start-ups have reached \$9.2 billion in May 2021.

"This is a seven-fold increase in the past 16 years," she said, adding that Japan and India will continue to strengthen their ties in the areas of inno-



vative technologies in the years to come. Speaking at Growing Global Innovation Alliance (GIA) Partnerships at BTS (Bengaluru Tech Summit)-2021 held here in Bengaluru, Akiko said there is a particular emphasis on Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data and Blockchain.

Start-up investments by Japanese investors have generated

2.17 lakh employment till May 2021. Japan has been one of the biggest investors in India in the last two decades.

According to NASSCOM-NRI report 'Japanese Investments into India's Technology Sector', Japan is the fifth largest investor in the Indian economy with cumulative FDI inflows of \$35.4 billion during 2000-2021 (March) and India-Japan bilateral trade reached \$13.4 billion in April-February FY 2020-21, where exports from Japan to India was \$9.5 billion while import was \$3.9 billion.

The report also mentions that there are over 100 active Japanese investors who have funded over 240 Indian start-ups across 360 deals between

2000 and May 2021.

Also, the number of Japanese companies registered in India grew at a CAGR 7% during 2010-20 to reach 1,455 while the number of Japanese establishments in India grew to 4,948 as on October 2020.

Softbank Group is one of the top investors with investment of \$1,070 million, followed by JERA \$200 million. Also, the fintech, healthcare and mobility sectors have a large pool of start-ups and are attracting investment from multiple Japanese investors.

It may be noted that Mitsubishi Corporation had invested \$140 million in GreyOrange that provides automation and robotics in warehouses.

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

PLANS STIMULUS OF \$350 BN TO EASE PAIN OF COVID-19, OIL COSTS

Japan's economic stimulus package will require fiscal spending worth 40 trillion yen (\$350 billion), the Nikkei business daily reported on Friday, and a draft of the spending plan reviewed by Reuters features steps to ease the pain of rising oil prices. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, with his position strengthened by an election win last month, has vowed to compile a stimulus package "worth several tens of trillion yen" on November 19 to spur the world's third-largest economy, which is reeling from the coronavirus. The spending is likely to be financed by some new debt, adding to the industrial world's heaviest public debt at more than twice the size of Japan's economy, as Kishida prioritises recovery from the pandemic over fiscal reform. Other measures to be included in the package are steps to ramp up domestic production of semiconductors as well as a 10 trillion-yen (\$87.5 billion) fund aimed at giving universities more resources to boost science and technological research, the draft showed. The spending plan will also get a boost from cash payouts to citizens aged 18 or younger, which would cost about 2 trillion yen, and to small firms hit hard by the pandemic, to total some 3 trillion yen, the Nikkei reported. It includes resumption of tourism promotion to stimulate demand after the pandemic.

MALAYSIA

ECONOMY SHRINKS 4.5% AS THIRD QUARTER WORSE THAN FORECAST

Malaysia's economy slipped back into contraction in the third quarter, shrinking 4.5% from a year earlier, the central bank said on Friday, as fresh Covid-19 lockdowns during the period hampered recovery. Economists surveyed by Reuters had expected the economy to go into reverse after its rebound in the second quarter, and their median forecast was for a contraction of 1.3% in the July-September period, though estimates varied widely. Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) said, however, recent indicators suggested a more positive momentum, with growth to accelerate in the fourth quarter and into next year. The central bank in August cut the country's growth outlook for 2021 to 3-4%. Malaysia now expects growth to accelerate to between 5 and 6.5% as more sectors reopen and amid higher commodity prices and improved external demand. Since last year, the government has rolled out RM530 billion (\$172.4 billion) in stimulus packages, while BNM has slashed its policy rate by 125 points to help the economy withstand the fallout of the pandemic.

ASIA

ASIAN BONDS RECEIVE LOWEST FOREIGN FLOWS THIS YEAR IN OCT

Asian bonds received lowest foreign inflow this year in October, hit by concerns over higher inflation levels and a slowdown in China's economy. Overseas investors purchased a combined net total of \$2.25 billion in Indonesian, Malaysian, South Korean, Thai and Indian bonds last month, the smallest buying since December 2020, data from regulatory authorities and bond market associations showed. Foreign flows into Asian bonds, South Korean bonds continued to receive foreign money for a 10th consecutive month in October, however, the inflows worth \$2.14 billion were about half of what they collected in September. South Korean bonds have secured a net \$49.5 billion so far this year, the data showed, which accounts for over 85% of the money received by the five major markets in the region. Malaysian bonds attracted \$711 million, marking a third straight month of inflow, thanks to higher oil prices and hopes that easing coronavirus restrictions would bolster the economy in the fourth quarter. Thai bonds received a net \$480 million, bolstered by improved economic activity and a re-opening in the travel sector.

Voda Idea loss narrows sequentially to ₹7,132 cr in Q2; Income improves

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CASH strapped Vodafone Idea's net loss narrowed sequentially to ₹7,132 crore compared to loss of ₹7,319 crore in the preceding April-June quarter.

The telco, hit hard by Supreme Court's final verdict on AGR dues and fierce competition in the sector, had reported a loss of ₹7,218 crore in the same quarter last year. The company's total consolidated income dipped 12% year on year but improved 2.8% quarter-on-quarter to ₹9,434 crore in Q2FY22.

Vodafone Idea's average revenue per user (ARPU) last quarter witnessed 5.3% increase QoQ to ₹109 in Q2FY22. Airtel and Reliance Jio's ARPU were much higher during the same quarter at ₹153 and ₹143.6, respectively.

"This quarter, we had taken certain pricing initiatives to improve ARPU, in line with our stated strategy. We in-

creased the entry level prepaid pricing plan from ₹49 to ₹79, in a phased manner, as well as increased the tariffs in some postpaid plans," said Vodafone Idea.

Vodafone Idea's total gross debt (excluding lease liabilities and including interest accrued but not due) as of September 30, 2021 stands at ₹1.95 lakh crore, comprising deferred spectrum payment ob-

ligations of ₹1.08 lakh crore, AGR liability of ₹63.4 thousand crore that are due to the Government and debt from banks and financial institutions of ₹22.7 thousand crore.

Auditors noted that telco's ability to continue is dependent on raising additional funds as required, either through successful negotiations with its lenders or through increased cash flow from operations.

If reports are to be believed, the company is in talks with the country's largest lender-State Bank of India- for fresh loans.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)[See rule 8(1)]

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 03.06.2021 & subsequent paper publication of demand notice dated 16.08.2021 calling upon the borrower **M/s. Raj Steels Prop. Basavaraju # 24/1b**, 13th cross, MTS Layout, Kengeri Satellite Town, Begaluru-560060 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 2,41,96,620.47** (Rupees Two Crores Forty One Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty and Four Seven Paise only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this 09th day of November of the year 2021.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda, for an amount of **Rs.2,41,96,620.47** (Rupees Two Crores Forty One Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty and Four Seven Paise only) as on date of notice 03.06.2021 and interest/charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: 1) All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Site No.1, Khata No. 2125/4841, Sy No.1/1 Devarayapalnara road, APMC Yard Backside, Batavadi layout, Tumkur Town, Tumkur-572103 within the registration and District Tumkur standing in the name of Mr. S.R.Vijay Kiranji. Bounded: On the North by: Road, On the South by: Private Property, On the East by: School, On the West by: Road, 2) All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Site No. 210, Khata No. 2760, Sy No.37, The Karnataka Government Class D Employees house Building Co-operative Society Limited Layout, 5th Block, Herohalli village Panchayath, lingadheeranahalli village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore-560091 within the registration and District Bangalore standing in the name of Mrs. Indira Basavaraju. Bounded: On the North by: Road, On the South by: Site No.249, On the East by: Site No.211, On the West by: Site No.209.

Date : 09.11.2021
Place : Mysore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

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POSSESSION NOTICE ANNEXURE-10 [SECTION 13(4)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 25.08.2021 calling upon the borrower **H.B.Krishna Naik S/o Mr. Bheema Naik** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice, being **Rs. 41,46,465.96** (Rupees Forty One Lakh Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Five and Ninety Six Paise only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this 12th day of November of the year 2021.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount being **Rs. 46,35,000.00/-** and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property:
All that is part and parcel of land and building situated at Flat No. 004, Ground Floor at Nethravathi Block, National Games Village, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560047 Measuring 1053.15 Sq Ft of Super built area. Bounded by : On the North by : Flat No. 005, On the South by : Passages and then Flat No. 003, On the East by : Open Space, On the West by: Flat No.010.

Date : 12.11.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Address: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400013.
Branch Address: No.821, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Richmond Road, Bengaluru 560025

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below Borrower and Co-Borrower, or their legal heirs/representatives (Borrowers) in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd. (TCHFL), the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of TCHFL, will be sold on 22nd December 2021 on "As is where is" & "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrower and Co-Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any postponement/discontinuance of the sale, the said secured asset / property shall be sold by E-Auction at 2 P.M. on the said 22nd December 2021 at Branch address TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED, No. 821, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025. The sealed envelope containing Demand Draft of EM for participating in E-Auction shall be submitted to the Authorised Officer of the TCHFL on or before 21st December 2021 till 5 P.M. The sale of the Secured Asset/ Immovable Property will be on "as is where condition is" as per brief particulars described herein below.

Sl. No.	Loan A/c No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-borrower(s) Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) Guarantor(s)	Amount as per Demand Notice and date of demand notice	Reserve Price	Earnest Money
1	10010416	Mr. BHUVAN N as Borrower and Mrs. Maheshwari M as a (Co-borrower)	Rs.93,168/- As on 29th April, 2021	13,72,000/-	1,37,200/-

Description of the Immovable Property: All that Piece and Parcel of property bearing Site No. 1, in the Layout Known as CHINNAPPA CHINAMMALAY, Situated at Shivapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District within the limits of Konaghatta Village Panchayath, measuring East To West 40 Feet and North to South 24.5 feet, totally measuring in all 980 Sq. Ft., together with all appurtenances, whatsoever under/neath or above the Surface and Bounded as Follows:- East By: 30 Feet Wide Road, West By: Site No.16, North By: Compounded Walls of Vendor, South By: Site No.2

At the Auction, the public generally is invited to submit their bid(s) personally. The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower (s) are hereby given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the Immovable Property will be sold as per schedule. The E auction will be stopped if, amount due as aforesaid, with interest and costs (including the cost of the sale) are tendered to the Authorised Officer or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such secured debt, interest and costs has been paid before the date of the auction. No offer of other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, directly or indirectly bid, for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the Immovable Property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following further conditions: The E-auction will take place through portal <https://bankauctions.in/> on 22nd December 2021 between 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM with limited extension of 10 minutes each.

Terms and Condition: 1. The particulars specified in the Schedule herein below have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once again be put up to auction subject to the discretion of Secured Creditor. 2. The property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price. 3. Bid Increment Amount will be: Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only) 4. All the Bids submitted for the purchase of the property shall be accompanied by Earnest Money as mentioned above by way of a Demand Draft favoring the "TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD." payable Branch Address. No. 821, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025. The Demand Drafts will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders after auction. 5. The highest bidder shall be declared as successful bidder provided always that he/she is legally qualified to bid and provided further that the bid amount is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the Authorised Officer to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so. 6. For reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the Authorised Officer to adjourn/discontinue the sale. 7. Inspection of the Immovable Property can be done on 15th December 2021 between 11AM to 5.00 PM. 8. The person declared as a successful bidder shall, immediately after such declaration, deposit twenty-five per cent of the amount of purchase money/bid which would include EMD amount to the Authorised Officer within 24hrs and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. 9. In case the initial deposit is made as above, the balance amount of the purchase money payable shall be paid by the purchaser to the Authorised Officer on or before the 15th day from the date of confirmation of the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day. 10. In the event of default of any payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. The deposit including EMD shall stand forfeited by TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to pay the same to TCHFL. Details of all encumbrances, known to the TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD, to which the property is liable. Nil. Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property and any other known particular bearing on its nature and value. Nil. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities owners of property tax, electricity etc. 12. For any other details or for procedure online training on e-auction the prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider, M/s. A4Closeup, Block No.605 A, 6th Floor, Maltrivannam Commercial Complex, Ameerpet, Hyderabad - 500038 through its coordinators Mr. U Subbarao, Mob.No.8142000061, subbarao@bankauctions.in and Mr. Jaya Prakash - Mob.No. 8142000064 Land line: 240-23736405. Mobile: 8142000062/66 and info@bankauctions.in or Arjit Bhatt, Email Id Arjit.bhatt@tatacapital.com Authorized Officer Mobile No.9029073280. Please send your query on WhatsApp Number - 9029073280. 13. TDS of 1% will be applicable and payable by the highest bidder over the highest declared bid amount. The payment needs to be deposited by highest bidder in the PAN of the owner/ borrower(s) and the copy of the challan shall be submitted to our company 14. Please refer to the below link provided in secured creditor's website <https://bit.ly/3JLbn7Z> for the above details. Please Note- TCHFL has not engaged any broker/agent apart from the mentioned auctioning partner for sale/auction of this property. Interested parties should only contact the undersigned or the Authorised officer for all queries and enquiry in this matter.

Date: 13.11.2021, Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorized Officer, Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd.

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Home Finance Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai-600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022.

APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of the IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Home Finance Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 11.04.2021 calling upon the borrower, co-borrowers and guarantors 1. **Suma Venugopal, 2. Prajwal Venugopal, 3.Bharat Nursing Home.4. Venugopal Bangalore Venkatesh**, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.62,04,663.45/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Three And Paise Forty Five Only)** as on 07.04.2021 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 10th day of November 2021.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Home Finance Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) for an amount of **Rs.62,04,663.45/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Three And Paise Forty Five Only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable properties

All The Piece And Parcel Of The Property Consisting Of The Residential Site Bearing No. 1341/ One Thousand Three Hundred And Forty One), Corner, In The BDA Approved Layout Named As "Dwarika Nagar" Formed By The Bangalore City Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd., In Survey Nos. 2, 31, 3/2, 3/3, 4, 5, 6, 7/1, 7/2, 7/3, 7/4, 8/1, 8/2, 8/3, 8/4, 15/1, 15/2, 16/1, 16/2, 16/3, 17/1, 17/2, 17/3, 17/4, 17/5, 18/1, 18/2, 18/3, 18/4, 19, 20/1, 20/2, 22/1, 22/2, 22/3, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 41, 42/1, 42/1, 43/1, 43/2, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50/1, 51, 52/1, 52/2, 52/3, 53, 54/1, 54/2, 54/4, 55/1, 55/2, 55/3, 55/4, 55/5, 55/6, 56, 59, 60/4, 60/5, In Vajarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk And In Survey Nos. 17/1, 18, 19/1, 10/2, 20, Part 25/1, 25/2, 25/3, 25/4, 25/5, 25/6, In Raghuvannahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Presently Comes Within The Limit Of BBMP Ward No.198 Bangalore And Measuring : East : 32.5 Feet, Site No.1311, West : 31.5 Feet, Road, South : 40.0feet, Site No.1340 Total Area Being:1272.0 Square Feet, North : 39.5 Feet, Road.

Date : 10-11-2021
Place : Bangalore.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Home Finance Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

Loan Account No : 21300239.

RELIGARE RELIGARE FINVEST LTD
BRANCH OFFICE : Samitha Plaza, No. 248, 80 Ft Road, Defence Colony, 2nd Floor, Indiranagar, Near CMH Hospital, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560038

POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV rule 8 (1) of the SARFAESI Act

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s. RELIGARE FINVEST LIMITED, having its registered office at 1st Floor, P-14, 45/90, P Block, Connaught Place, New Delhi -110001, and its branch office at Samitha Plaza, No. 248, 80 Ft Road, Defence Colony, 2nd Floor, Indiranagar, Near CMH Hospital, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560038, (hereinafter referred to as "RFL") under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "SARFAESI Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 14.07.2021, calling upon the borrowers 1. **Byrappa And Sons**, through its Partners, No.173.174 Chikpet Bangalore Karnataka-560053 Also At: Sy.No.20/2, Bangalore District, Chunchaghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka, 2. **Eshwarappa S/o Byrappa, 3.Byresh Byrappa S/o Eshwarappa Byrappa, 4.P.Narendra S/o Puttaraju, All at: No.2-10, Byravananiyalla Basappa Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560022 Also At: No.173.174 Chikpet Bangalore Karnataka-560053 Also At: Sy.No.20/2, Bangalore District, Chunchaghatta Village Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka, 5. **Geetha Eshwarappa, W/o B.Eshwarappa, No.2-10 Byravananiyalla Basappa Road, Shanthi Nagar Bangalore Karnataka-560022 Also At: Sy.No.20/2, Bangalore District, Chunchaghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka, 6. **Puttaraju, B S/o Byrappa, No.2-10 Byravananiyalla Basappa Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560022 Also At: No.173.174 Chikpet Bangalore Karnataka-560053, Also At: Sy.No.20/2, Bangalore District, Chunchaghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka, 7. **Byrappa Collections, No.173.174 Chikpet Bangalore Karnataka-560053 Also At: No.32,new Cloth Market, D S Lane Chikpet, Bangalore, Akmatika-560053 Also At: Sy.No.20/2, Bangalore District, Chunchaghatta Village Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka, to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice amounting to **Rs.2,76,329.93** (Rupees Two Crore Seventy five Lakh thirty six Thousand two Hundred twenty nine and Paise Ninety three Only) under the Loan Account XMORRKM00072565 along with future interest from 28.06.2021 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.********

The borrowers having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said SARFAESI Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002, on this 11th day November 2021. The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of M/s Religare Finvest Limited, for an amount of being **Rs.2,92,32,696.62** (Rupee Two Crore Ninety Two Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Six and Paise Sixty Two Only) under Loan Agreement Number XMORRKM00072565 as on 11.11.2021 together with interests and other charges thereon.

The Borrower's and guarantors attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property converted land bearing Sy.No.20 The New Sy.No.20/2 (Duly Converted By The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, vide Conversion Official Memorandum 6.DIS.ALN.SR(S) 467/2004-05, Dated 06.12.2004) Measuring to extent of 38 Guntas, situated at Chunchaghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on: East By: Kothnur Village Boundary, West By: Road And Remaining Land, North By: Private Land, South By: Private Garden.

Place: Bangalore Date : 11.11.2021

Authorized Officer
(Religare Finvest Ltd)

YES BANK Yes Bank Limited
Prestige obelisk, Municipal No.3, Ground Floor, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560001

POSSESSION NOTICE

Loan Account No. A/c No: MOR00220106539
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of YES Bank Limited, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued Demand Notice dated 19th Aug 2021 under Section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon the borrower **M/s. Sindhu Cargo Services Private Limited, Rep by its Managing Director Sri. G. Balaraju**. Also available, Office address at **No.34, Mellakunte, Sindhu Logistics Park, Near MVIT College Cross, Bettahalsuru, Hunsemaranahalli Post, Devanahalli, Bangalore-562 157**, (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower/Mortgagor") **Sri. G. Balaraju, S/o. Ballappa Gopalappa, Aged about 51 years, R1at Abhyudaya, 712, 2nd Cross, Kempiah Block, Lower Palace Orchards, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore-560 003**. Also available at, **Sri. G. Balaraju, S/o. Ballappa Gopalappa/M/s Sindhu Cargo Services Private Limited, address at No.34, Mellakunte, Sindhu Logistics Park, Near MVIT College Cross, Bettahalsuru, Hunsemaranahalli Post, Devanahalli, Bangalore-562157. Smt. Vijay Krishnan Renuka,W/o. Julius John Samuel,Aged about 53 years, R/at # 16, 1st Cross, Nandidurga Road, Jayamah, Bangalore-560046. Also available at, Smt. Vijay Krishnan Renuka,W/o. Julius John Samuel, M/s. Sindhu Cargo Services Private Limited,Office address at No.34, Mellakunte, Sindhu Logistics Park, Near MVIT College Cross, Bettahalsuru, Hunsemaranahalli Post, Devanahalli, Bangalore-562157, (hereinafter referred to as "Co-Applicant 1,2 and 3") to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being **Rs. 2,20,74,346.07** (Rupees Two Crores Twenty Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Six and Seven Paise Only) as on 18-Aug-21, together with further interest at contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc. incurred till the date of payment and /or realizations within 60 days from the date of the said notice.**

The borrower mentioned herein above having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower mentioned herein above in particular and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules on 08/11/2021.

The borrower mentioned herein above in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of YES Bank Limited, for an amount **Rs. 2,20,74,346.07/- (Rupees Two Crores Twenty Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Six and Seven Paise Only)** as on 18-Aug-21, together with further interest at contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc.

As contemplated U/s.13(8) of the Act, in case of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Description Of The Property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Corporation No.16, Property Id No.92-1-16, situated at Nandidurga Road, Jayamah Extension, Bangalore City, BBMP Ward No.92, and bounded on: East by : Property of A S Kamath with common wall, West by : Site No.29/A, North by: Property of Mrs. Chandra Rao; South by: 30 Feet Wide Road

Date: 08/11/21, Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorized Officer

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NOTICE OF INTENDED SALE

Notice of intended sale under Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement Rules) 2002 under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

To **Mr.M.Elanchezhiyan S/o Mr.Muthupallani** (Prop **M/s.Ambika Enterprises**) No.2132, Venkatappa layout, 1st main Road,Babusapalya, Kalyan Nagar (Post) BENGALURU-560 043.**Mr.M.Elanchezhiyan S/o Mr.Muthupallani** (Prop **M/s.Ambika Enterprises**) Old No.25, Newb No.395, 2nd Floor Anjanapura building, Babusapalya, Kalyan Nagar post Bangalore 560 043.**Mr.M.Elanchezhiyan S/o Mr.Muthupallani** (Prop **M/s.Ambika Enterprises**) 246, Behind Omshakti Temple,Babusapalya, 3rd Cross, Flower Garden,Bangalore 560 043.

Sub: Loan account India Enterprises Prop. M.Elanchezhiyan [A/c No.50268203569] with Indian Bank,Bannerghatta Road Branch.M/s Ambika Enterprises Prop. M.Elanchezhiyan availed Cash Credit facility from Indian Bank, Bannerghatta Road (e-A/c) Branch, the repayment of which is secured by Mortgage of schedule mentioned properties hereinafter referred to as "The Properties". Mr.M.Elanchezhiyan S/o Mr.Muthupallani (Prop M/s.Ambika Enterprises), failed to pay the outstanding dues to the Bank. Therefore a Demand Notice dated 30.06.2021 under Sec 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (for short called as "The Act"), was issued by the Authorized Officer calling upon Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) Mr.Shashikanth Patel and Chandrika Shashikanth Patel liable to the Bank to pay the amount due to the tune of **Rs. 38,14,932.60** (Rupees thirty eight lakhs fourteen thousand nine hundred and thirty two and paise sixty Only) as on 28/06/2021 with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon. Both failed to make payment despite issuance of Demand Notice dated 30.6.2021 As Mr.M.Elanchezhiyan S/o Mr.Muthupallani (Prop M/s.Ambika Enterprises) failed to make payment despite Demand Notice, the Authorized Officer took possession of the schedule mentioned properties under the Act on 09.10.2021 after complying with all legal formalities as per Sec 13 (4) of the Act, Secured Creditor is entitled to effect sale of the assets taken possession of and realize the proceeds towards outstanding balance. In accordance with the same, the undersigned / Authorized Officer intends selling the schedule mentioned securities in the following mode:

THE SALE PROPOSED TO BE HELD IS BY WAY OF PUBLIC TENDER AUCTION THE SALE PROPOSED TO BE HELD IS BY WAY OF PUBLIC TENDER/AUCTION ADOPTING THE e-AUCTION MODE. As per Rule 6 (2) and 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 framed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, 30 days notice of intended sale is required to be given and hence we are issuing this notice.

The amount due as on 10/11/2021 is **Rs.28,66,981** (Rupees Twenty eight lakh Sixty Six Thousand nine hundred Eighty One only) with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon from 11.11.2021. Please take note that this is notice of 15 days and the schedule mentioned properties shall be sold under the Act by the undersigned/Authorized Officer any time after 15 days. The date of sale is fixed as **17.12.2021 which would be by e-auction mode**. Inspection of the scheduled properties and related documents/up to date EC can be by the intending purchasers/bidders may be done at their expense on 30.11.2021 between 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

The Reserve price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for the sale of the secured assets is fixed as mentioned in the schedule. The Tender/Bid Form with the Terms and conditions can be had on-line from the website (<https://ibapi.in> and www.mstccommerce.com) and using the provision in the system/software. The tender form and the terms and conditions would be available in the website from 15.11.2021 to 16.12.2021 from 10.00am to 4.00 pm. The Intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register with online portal (<https://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi>) using their mobile number and email id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers have to transfer the EMD amount in his Global EMD Wallet by 16.12.2021 i.e before the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online or after generation of Challan from the website (<https://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi>) for depositing in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The Authorized Officer/Bank has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale without assigning any reason therefor. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, including EMD amount (10%) deposited, latest by the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft (Accout Transfer and/or any other acceptable mode of money transfer. The Nodal Bank account no. /IFSC Code etc. for online money transfer is as under.

Nodal Bank Account No. and A/c. Name Branch name and IFSC Code
6096875321 e-auction EMD account, Bangalore Zone M G Road branch IDIB000M050

In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor. The sale is made on "As is where is and as is what is" basis and no representations and warranties are given by the Bank relating to encumbrance, Statutory liabilities etc. If the e-auction fails owing to any technical snag etc., the same may be re-scheduled by issuing 7 days prior notice.***This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Secured Creditor (this portion may be retained if it is a non-suit filed account)****This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Secured Creditor and without prejudice to rights of the Secured Creditor to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO of DRT/ DRAT/ Court and proceed with the execution of order/decre obtained to be obtained. (This portion may be retained if it is a suit filed account)

SCHEDULE: The specific details of the assets which are intended to be brought to sale are enumerated hereunder:

email id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers have to transfer the EMD amount in his Global EMD Wallet by 16.12.2021 i.e before the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction. **Caution:** Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid, solely as cash.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients Sri Gulettappa & others have filed the above petition for the death certificate of Manjappa S/o Late Thalaru Munyappa was died on 10-07-2014 at Maranayakunahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dist. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can file the above before the Civil Judge & JMCJ at Davanahalli and date of hearing on 20/11/2021 at 11.00 A.M. In C.Misc. No. 207/2021.

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMCJ Court, Davanahalli
Sri H.B. Prakash, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that M/S Vithi Hospitality Private Limited, Rep by its Director & Authorised Signatory Sri Gopal Krishna Kulkarni and Mrs Pushpa K have agreed to sell the schedule property in favour of my Client Mr. HARSHAP [on his firm's name], free from all encumbrances. Any person/Bank/NBFC etc. having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned his Counsel Mr. RADESH K. Office at No. 7, HM Pearl Complex, Thubarahalli Bangalore, within 15 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE:

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing (Old Sy No.85 or 85/1) New Survey No: 85/3 measuring 11 Acres and Survey No: 18 measuring 6 Acres 16 Guntas, Situated at Nelagahalli Village, Hanabal Hobli, Sakaleshpur Taluk, Hasan District, Karnataka.

Contact : Mr. RADESH BE, LL.B, LL.M Director - MKM Legal Solutions Pvt Ltd. e-mail id: radesh@mkmlegalsolutions Contact No: +91 8618500639.

NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT JUDGE, COIMBATORE

POP. No. 293/2018

1. Smt. Vijayalakshmi
2. Mr. Madhu Parameswaran
3. Mr. Jai Parameswaran

..... Petitioners

Versus

Mr. Padmanabhan
S/o Late Sri. P. Parameswaran
408 A, 3rd floor, Lakefield Homes, Balagere Main Road, Varthur, Bengaluru-560087

..... 2nd Respondent

Please take notice that the above petitioners have filed a petition to probate the Will executed by Sri Parameswaran, dated 30.08.1999, and you are required to appear before the Hon'ble District Judge of Coimbatore on 07.12.2021 at 10:00 a.m. either in person or through your counsel in the above matter, failing which, it will be decided in your absence.

Mr. C.G. Kumar, B.A.B.L.,
Mr. B.K. Dhyana, B.A.B.L.,
Advocates

No.9, Jawans Bhawan, Coimbatore-640108

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, AT BENGALURU

No. 4, LIC, Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Opp. Cash Pharmacy, Bengaluru-560 025.

O.A. No. 365/2020

STATE BANK OF INDIA, DOLLAR COLONY BRANCH, IFSC Code: SBIN0009042, No.61, AG's Office Layout, New BEL Road, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 054. Represented by: Chief Manager, SMECC, Kumar Park, Bangalore. Email: sbl.9042@sbi.co.in

...APPLICANT

AND:

Sri. Ramdas T.K. S/o Ramachandran K., Proprietor, M/s TexSpace Solutions

...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993.

1) Sri. Ramdas T.K. S/o Ramachandran K., Proprietor, M/s TexSpace Solutions, No.7 & 8, 1st Floor, Survey No. 1113, 1st Cross, Lakshminagar Main Road, Abbigere, Bangalore-560 090.

AND also at 1) R/o "SUDHARAMA", Near Karthyayani Temple, Cheroor, Thrissur-680 008. 2) No. 109, Srikrishna Nivas, Balaji Extension, K.G. Halli, Jalahalli West, Bangalore- 560 015.

...DEFENDANT

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Mr. C.G. Kumar, B.A.B.L.,
Mr. B.K. Dhyana, B.A.B.L.,
Advocates

No.9, Jawans Bhawan, Coimbatore-640108

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, AT BENGALURU

No. 4, LIC, Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Opp. Cash Pharmacy, Bengaluru-560 025.

O.A. No. 365/2020

STATE BANK OF INDIA, DOLLAR COLONY BRANCH, IFSC Code: SBIN0009042, No.61, AG's Office Layout, New BEL Road, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 054. Represented by: Chief Manager, SMECC, Kumar Park, Bangalore. Email: sbl.9042@sbi.co.in

...APPLICANT

AND:

Sri. Ramdas T.K. S/o Ramachandran K., Proprietor, M/s TexSpace Solutions

...DEFENDANT

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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALNADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT- STAGE-I)
CIN : U85110KA1970SG0011919

No: KPCL/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT11667/CALL-4 Dated: 11.11.2021

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through e-Procurement Portal)

Online tenders are invited through e-Procurement Portal from the qualified bidders for the work of "Comprehensive AMC of Xerox Machines installed at various offices of Ambikanagar, Ganeshgudi and Kadra". Tender notification can be downloaded from GoK e-Procurement Portal Website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and KPCL Website www.karnatakapower.com The last date for receipt of completed bids: 18.11.2021 @ 17.30 Hrs. Further details can be had from The Executive Engineer, (OJ/CE (O&M) Kali, KPCL, Ambikanagar - 581363, Haliyal Tq., Uttara Kannada Dist., Karnataka State. Tel: 08284-258625. Fax No: 08284-258615. Mobile: +91 9449599120. Email: kpcl.ambikanagar@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 1, BANGALORE
Jeevan Mangal Building, (2nd Floor)
#4, Residency Road, Bangalore - 560 025

FORM NO-22 [See Regulation 37(1)]

Dated: 10/11/2021

BY REGISTERED POST-ACK.DUE
SALE PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER,
IN THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, AT BANGALORE
[RC NO.14628 IN OA NO.103/2018]

PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULES 38,52(2) OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT 1993

Between
Union Bank of India (Erstwhile Corporation Bank),
Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru
And
Sri. Ajit Kumar R & Others

.....Certificate Holder Bank
.....Certificate Debtors

To,

1. Sri. Ajit Kumar R
S/o Ramappa
2. Sri. Harshajith R
S/o Ramappa
Both are residing at:
Flat No.303, B, 2nd Floor, No.20,
"Ramanujayothi Apartment",
Opp. CMTI, Tumkur Road,
Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru.

3. Mr. Sreenivas H.T
S/o Mr. H.T Timmasettaiah,
No.22, 2nd Cross, Maheshwara Block,
Palace Guttahalli,
Bengaluru - 560003.

..... Defendants / Certified Debtors

Whereas you has/ have failed to pay the sum of Rs.69,12,376/- (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakhs Twelve Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Six Only) payable by you in respect of Recovery Certificate No.14628 IN OA NO.103/2018 issued by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal at Bangalore and the interest and costs payable as per Certificate.

And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said certificate.

And whereas there will be due there under a sum of Rs. 1,09,10,622/- (Rupees One Crore Nine Lakhs Ten Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Two Only) including costs and interest as on 30/09/2021 plus future interest and cost till realization.

Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold on 15.12.2021 between 3.30 PM to 04.30 PM by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "online electronic bidding" through the website <https://www.mataxuctions.com> of M/s Matax Net Pvt Ltd., Bengaluru Ph: 080-4240631, E-Mail Id: solutions@mataxnet.com contact no: Santhosh K P - 8939805544, Email Id: santhoshkp@mataxnet.com.

For further details contact Mr. Samba Rao K, The Chief Manager, Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru [Contact No.9441215957], for ascertaining the details of properties and also for inspection of property.

The sale will be of the property of the defendant above named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule property.

The Property will be put up for the sale in the lots specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized is satisfied by the sale of portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale will also be stopped if, before any lot is knocked down, the arrears mentioned the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.

No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made there under and to the following conditions.

The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.

1. The reserve price below which the properties shall not be sold is Rs.15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs only) for scheduled Property.

2. The amount by which the bidding are to be increased shall be Rs.1,00,000/- in the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the property/ies again put up to auction.

3. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of property/ies, provided that amount bid by him is not less than the reserve price. It shall be at the discretion of the undersigned to decline/acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so.

4. Ten percent on Reserve Price of property of Rs.15,00,000/-, Le 1,50,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand only) for Schedule property, EMD shall be deposited on or before 3.00 P.M. on 13.12.2021 by intending bidders by online through RTGS/NEFT/ directly in to the Current Account No.0008102000067537, in the name of the Recovery Officer-2, Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bengaluru at IDBI Bank Ltd, Mission Road Branch, Bengaluru-560027 having IFSC Code IBKL0000008, or by way of DDY put order in favour of Recovery Officer-2, DRT-1, Bengaluru to be deposited with R.O-2, DRT-1, Bengaluru. The details of the Bidder along with copy of PAN card, Address proof and identity proof, E-mail ID, Mobile No. and in case of the company, any other documents confirming representation/ attorney of the company, along with receipt/ counterfoil of such deposit shall be provided to R.O-2, DRT-1, Bengaluru. EMD deposited thereafter shall not be considered for participation in the e-auction.

5. The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the sale proceeds, including of EMD already deposited, on being knocked down by next date i.e.16.12.2021 by 3.00 P.M. in the said account as per details mentioned in Para 4 above. If the next day is Holiday or Sunday, then on next first office day.

6. The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds on or before 15th day from the date of sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or the Holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day by prescribed mode as stated in para 4 above. In addition to the above the purchaser shall also deposit poundage fee with Recovery Officer, DRT Bengaluru @ 2% Upto Rs.1,000 and @ 1% of the excess of the said amount of Rs.1,000/- online through www.bharatkosh.gov.in and submit receipt for record purpose.

7. In case of default of Payment within the prescribed period, the deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, shall be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold. The property shall be re-sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale.

The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS AND WHAT EVER THERE IS BASIS"

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at anytime without assigning any reason

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

No. Of Lots	Description of the Property to be sold with the names of the Co-owners where the property belongs to defaulter and any other person as Co-owners	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Details of any other encumbrance to which property is liable	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to property and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value.
1	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.96, Khatha No.164/96, formed in converted Land in Sy.No.66/7 of Kulipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk measuring East to West: 40 Ft and North to South: 30 Ft, in all measuring 1200 Sq.Ft and bounded as follows: East by: Road, West by: Site No.115, North by: Site No.95, South by: Site No.97.	Nil	Nil	Nil

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal at Bengaluru on 10.11.2021

AUCTION SCHEDULE

Date and Time of Auction	15.12.2021 - 3.30 PM to 4.30 PM
Reserve Price	Rs. 15,00,000/-
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 1,50,000/-
Last date and time of e-tender form & EMD submission	13.12.2021 on or before 3.00 PM
Bid Increment	Rs.1,00,000/-

(DEEPAINDUVANIS)
Recovery Officer-2, DRT-1, Bangalore

Marketing Communication and Advertising Limited
(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
No. 42, MC&A House, Millers Road, Bengaluru - 560 052.

No.: MC&A/F&A/FD/2021-22 Date: 11.11.2021

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through e-procurement)

MC&A Ltd. invites separate tenders (3 Nos.) through e-Procurement portal as per KTPP Act, 1999 from reputed Nationalized Banks to quote competitive rate of interest for investment of Company's surplus funds in Fixed Deposit. Documents can be accessed from e-Procurement website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sl. No.	Tender Nos.	Last date & time for submission of tender	Opening date & time of tender
1	MC&A/F&A/FD/37/2021-22	23.11.2021 4.00 p.m.	24.11.2021 4.30 p.m.
2	MC&A/F&A/FD/38/2021-22	23.11.2021 4.00 p.m.	24.11.2021 4.30 p.m.
3	MC&A/F&A/FD/39/2021-22	23.11.2021 4.00 p.m.	24.11.2021 4.30 p.m.

The management has the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereon.

Sd/- Managing Director

SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Reg. Off.: Office No.123, Angappa Naicken Street, Chennai-600001
Head Office: Level 3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051
Website: www.shriramhousing.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Housing Finance Limited (SHFL) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SHFL has taken the Symbolic possession of the mortgaged property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on the below mentioned dates.

Borrower Name and address	Amount due as per Demand Notice	Description of Property
Mr. Ningappa Mr. Satheesha Mrs. Suvarnamma	Rs. 14,28,514/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Fourteen Only) as on 13.08.2021 in respect of Loan Account No. SHLHBGLR00005	All that piece and parcel of the west portion of Residential Property bearing Khaneshumari No. 41, formed in the Assessment No. 140, Gramatana Khatha No. 447, measuring East to West 15 ft and North to South 40 Ft, in all total measuring 600 Sq. Ft, Situated at Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently under the limits of BBMP, Ward No. 72, and Bounded on the:
R/At. No. 89, 8th Cross, Kempegowdanagar, Herohalli, Bydarahalli, Near S T School, Bangalore - 560 091	Notice dated: 19.08.2021	East by: Eastern portion of the same Khaneshumari No. 41 measuring 20 X 40 ft. West by: Others Property. North by: Formerly Site No. 40, presently Road. South by: Others Property.
Also At: Gowdayanapalya, Near Ganesh Temple, Huthridurga Hobli, Kunigal Taluk, Tumkur - 572 126		
Also At: Western Portion Of Site No. 41, Assessment No. 140, Herohalli, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore - 560 091		
Also At: Byraveshwara Provision Store, No. 133/15, Herohalli, Near S T School, Kempegowdanagar, Bydarahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 091		

Symbolic Possession
Date: 8.11.2021

MRS. DRUTHI And MR. ANIL H

Rs. 27,91,228/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Ninety One Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Eight Only) as on 13.08.2021 in respect of Loan Account No. SLPHBGLR000059

6 with further interest at the contractual rate, within 60 days from the receipt of said notice.

Notice dated: 19.08.2021

R/At: No. 698/1, 4th Main Road, Opp To Appanna Layout, 2nd Block, 1st Stage, Peenya, Bangalore - 560 058.

Also At:
House List No. 598:12b,

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
SOUTHERN (R&B) CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR
 Phone : 0680-2281582, e-mail : ccesbam@gmail.com
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) [e-Procurement]
B-601
 Bid Identification No. CCE, S.C (R&B)-BAM-06/2021-22 No.3026/Dated: 01.11.2021
 1) The Chief Construction Engineer, Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites **percentage rate bid** in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** from eligible contractors for construction of **Building Works** as detailed in the table below.

2) Nature of work	: Building Works (Composite Bid)
3) No. of work	: 3 Nos.
4) Tender Cost	: Rs.10,00,00/- (online)
5) Class of Contractor	: "A" Class, Special Class & Super Class
6) Availability of Bid document in the website	: From 16.11.2021 10.00 AM to 30.11.2021 4.00 PM
7) Date of Opening of Bid	: 01.12.2021 at 11.30 A.M.
8) The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in	
9) Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.	

(Sd/- D. C. Behera)
 Chief Construction Engineer
 Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur OIPR- 34103/1/10007/2/122

GOVT. OF ODISHA, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, DRAINAGE CIRCLE,
GANDARPUR, CUTTACK-753 003
E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO.-SEDC-CTC-04/2021-22
 email Id :- sedrainagecirclectc@gmail.com

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1. Name of Works	: 7 Nos. of Packages — Ranging from Rs. 105.64 Lakhs to Rs. 503.19 Lakhs.
2. Bid Identification No.	: 1) SEDC-CTC/DD- CTC - 14/2021-22 2) SEDC-CTC/DD- KPD - 15/2021-22 3) SEDC-CTC/DD- KPD - 16/2021-22 4) SEDC-CTC/DD- JSPR - 17/2021-22 5) SEDC-CTC/DD- JSPR - 18/2021-22 6) SEDC-CTC/DD- JSPR - 19/2021-22 7) SEDC-CTC/DD- JSPR - 20/2021-22
3. Period of completion	: 11 (Eleven) Calendar months
4. Availability of Tender On - Line	: 16.11.2021 from 16.30 Hours to 30.11.2021 upto 17.30 Hours.
5. Date of Opening of Technical Bid	: 01.12.2021 at 10.00 Hours in the O/o The Additional Chief Engineer Drainage Circle, Gandarpur, Cuttack.
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* Tender will be accepted if registered in the CDMS Portal and Furnish of "Bid" Security Declaration".
 Further details can be seen from the Govt. web site www.tendersorissa.gov.in.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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I, **B.M. YASHWANTH GOWDA**, S/o. Sri. B.R. Mahendranath, R/at No. 102, Shamaraipura, Vidyanarayana, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560 097, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **B.M. YASHWANTH GOWDA** to **B.M. YASHWANTH GOWDA** and I hereby declare that my father correct name is **B.R. Mahendranath** but wrongly mentioned in my Birth Certificate, S.S.L.C. Marks Card and also in 2nd P.U.C. Marks Cards as **R. Ravikumar**. Vide affidavit dated 11.11.2021 sworn to before V. Rangaraju, Notary Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SAGAR KISHORE KUMAR**, S/o. Sri Kishore Kumar, aged about 23 years, R/at. No. 2, 3rd Cross, Srirampuram, Bangalore - 560 021, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SAGAR KISHORE KUMAR**, vide affidavit dated 29.09.2021, sworn to before Uday Kariyappa .B.G, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANISH KUMARI**, W/o Awdhesh Kumar, residing at Flat No. 307, Block 2, Mahaveer Calyx Apartment, B.G. Road, Behind R.R. Layout, Nyanappanahalli, Bangalore - 560076, have changed my name as **MANISHA AGRAWAL**, vide affidavit dated 12.11.2021, sworn to before N. Nagappa, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANMEET KAUR BHATIA**, aged about 38 years, D/o. Vijay Kumar Bothra, R/at. No. 48, 1st D Main Road, Kaveri Layout, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru - 560 072, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHILPA BOTHRA** to **MANMEET KAUR BHATIA**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **MANMEET KAUR BHATIA** only, vide affidavit dated 12.11.2021, sworn to before N. Nagappa, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NOORANI KHADRI**, aged about 41 years, D/o. Mr. M.H. Rahman, R/at. No. 30, 11th Main, 1st Cross, 4th Block, HBR Layout, Near Dream Men Saloon, Bengaluru - 560 043, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NOORANI KHADRI** to **NURAANI KADARI**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **NURAANI KADARI** only, vide affidavit dated 12.11.2021, sworn to before N. Nagappa, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

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I, **ALOK KAMAL KISHORE BIHANI**, S/o Mr. Kamal Kishore Biyani, aged 26 years, R/at No. S-41, Maya Indraprastha Apartments, 70, Kanakpura Main Road, Jagannahalli Circle, Near Sarakki Signal, JP Nagar 6th Phase, Bengaluru-78 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ALOK KAMAL BIHANI** to **ALOK KAMAL KISHORE BIHANI**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **ALOK KAMAL KISHORE BIHANI** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12th Nov. 2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary L. GOPALAKRISHNA at Bengaluru.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **YALLAMMA .M.**, W/o Lokesh Ramiah, age 39 years, R/at #11, Sri R K Layout, Maragondanahalli Main Road, Near Jeevitha Ananthashrama, Bengaluru-36 Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **YALLAMMA to YALLAMMA .M.**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **YALLAMMA .M** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12th Nov. 2021, sworn before Notary S.I. BALAGURU at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DHANUSH KUMAR ANAND**, S/o Anand V, aged about 18 years, R/at #7, Venkateshwara Nilayam, 3rd Cross, 1st Main, Behind Mother Theresa School, Varanasi, Bengaluru-560 036, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DHANUSH .A** to **DHANUSH KUMAR ANAND**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **DHANUSH KUMAR ANAND** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12th Nov. 2021, sworn before Notary S.I. BALAGURU at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ALIAS MOHAMMED OMRAN OMRAN HAMZA**, R/at No.24, Davis Road, Cooke Town, Bengaluru- 560084, have changed my name to **OMRAN HAMZA** vide affidavit dated: 12/11/2021 before Notary Prakash. C Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. ANUSUYA.C.M**, W/o Prakash, aged about 45 years, R/at. Old address Kanapanayakanahalli, Doddari Hobli, Badavanahalli Post, Madhugiri Taluk, Tumkur District - 572112. Presently R/at No.3 & 4, N.G. Halli, Peenya, Bangalore-560057. have changed my name from **Smt. ANUSUYA.C.M** to **Smt. ANUSUYAMMA**, vide affidavit dated: 12.11.2021 Sworn to before notary K. PEETHAMBARAN, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MUNIRATHNAM VENKATESAN**, S/o. Late. C. Munirathnam, aged about 53 years, residing at No.78, Raghavendra 7th Phase, 3rd Cross, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore-560 076, Karnataka State, India, have changed my name to **P.M. VENKATESH**, for all purposes vide affidavit dated 12/11/2021 before Notary Hegde Ganapati Venkatraman, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHUBHADA SHIVASHANKAR AND SHUBHADA S.S**, W/o. Purushotham Raju, Residing at No. 71/2, "Annana Mane", Shubhada Prakashana, S M Kalyana Mantapara Road, Jagannahalli, Bengaluru-560078, Karnataka, India, have changed my name to **SHUBHADA SHAILAJA SHIVASHANKAR** for all purposes vide affidavit dated 25/10/2021 before Notary Hegde Ganapati Venkatraman, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NOUH MUSHTAQE DAMDA**, previously called **NOOH DAMDA**, Residing at Flat No.422, No.45/50, Neeladri Apartment, 'E' Block, Nandi Durga Road, Jayamahal, Bengaluru-560 046. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'NOOH DAMDA'** to **'NOUH MUSHTAQE DAMDA'** vide Affidavit dated 11.11.2021, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Public R.S. Vijay, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **No. 8036458M**, NK, MARNINI PEDDANNA, R/at Cumbum, Peddannalakuva, Prakasam-523333, Andhra Pradesh, that I have changed my son's name from **SATHI NAGA VENKATA SAI DHARAN TEJA** to **MARNINI NITWIK SAI**, his Date of Birth is 16-02-2012, vide Affidavit dated: 10-11-2021, before notary: Harisha.G. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) ARATHI BANSY PALACHANDRA**, W/o. Palachandra Bansy Kalappa, residing at No.A-404, Royal Residency, Brunton Road, Off MG Road, Bangalore-560025, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) ARATHI AIYANNA CHEPPUDIRA** vide affidavit Dated 08/11/2021 sworn before Notary A.Gerard, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ATAUR REHMAN SUBHANI**, Aged about 65 years, S/o. Abdul Hannan, R/at #D-5124, 12th Floor, Mykonos Sobha City, Thanisandra Main Road, Dr. Shivarama Karanth Nagar Post, B'luur-560077, have changed my name to **ATAUR REHMAN**, vide affidavit Dated: 10.11.2021 before notary GANGARAJU. B.N, B'luur.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GAYATRI (OLD NAME)**, Spouse of No. 1362711X Rank: Ex-HAV Name: D. ASHOK KUMAR, R/o. No. 152, Reliable Lakedew Residency, Harlur, Narayana School, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560102, have changed my name from **GAYATRI** to **D. GAYATHRI (NEW NAME)** and My Correct D.O.B is 10/10/1963 vide Affidavit Dated: 12.11.2021 before Notary K. Venkateshan, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I **Mr ASHLEY SALVADOR FERNANDES**, S/o. Joe Salvador Fernandes, Residing at No.40/1, Cauvery Layout, Tavarekere Main Road, DRC Post, Bangalore-560029. Do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows, I state that in my name is **ASHLEY SALVADOR FERNANDES** in Aadhar Card and almost all documents. But my school Certificate name mentioned is **ASHLEY LAWRENCE SALVADOR FERNANDES**. I state that **ASHLEY SALVADOR FERNANDES** and **ASHLEY LAWRENCE SALVADOR FERNANDES** is the same name refers to my name only vide affidavit dated 6/11/2021, Sworn before Notary K. V Mani, Reg No. 21613, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **M. Venkata Subbailah**, Aged about 44 years, S/o. M. Ramaraju, Residing at No. 63/1, 4th Cross, 4th Main Road, Gangappa Block, Bangalore-560032 have declared that the names **Muppala Venkata Subba Raju** and **M. Venkata Subbailah** belongs to me only and both the names belongs to one and the same person. Vide affidavit dated 12-11-2021 sworn before notary S.R. Ravikumar, Bengaluru

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 Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
 (Contact Number : 96461-07151)
GURU HARGOBIND THERMAL PLANT, LEHRA MOHABBAT
 Tender Enquiry No. 555/EMC/Port-198/Vol-IX Dated: 11.11.2021
 Superintending Engineer, Electrical Mtc. Circle, O&M, GHPT, Lehra Mohabbat invites E-tender for the work of Preventive, Breakdown & Shutdown Maintenance of 220KV & 66KV R&B Panels, DRS, SER, G.P.S, GRP, GCDP, static and digital AVR, RTCC Panels, Protection System installed on 6.6KV & 415V switchgear and other panels including meters, VFDs, 6.6KV bus transfer system, fire detection and alarm system. Telephone Exchanges and public Address system installed in plant and power colony for 2X210MW Stage-I and 2X250MW Stage-II GHPT, Lehra Mohabbat, District: Bathinda, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications for a period of one year on lump-sum basis. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 12/11/2021 till 11:00 AM onwards.
 Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
 507/GHPT-57-21-11/12/2021
 76155/12/535/2021/9889

PUBLIC NOTICE
 This is to notify the General Public that my clients **Mr. SRINIVAS H.N** & **Mrs. VANIL H.K** entered into an Agreement for purchase of below mentioned Composite Schedule Property from its owners **C.S. Raghu Prakash** and **L.R's of Late K. Narayan** namely (a) **Smt. S. Hemalatha** (b) **Mrs. N. Madhulatha** (c) **Mrs. N. K. Mala** (d) **Mrs. N.D. Mamatha**, all are R/at No. 7 & 7/1, 4th Main, 6th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Nagarabhatti Main Road, Bengaluru-560072.
 Any private sector, banks, private sectors, financiers etc., having any claim, right, share or interest over the Composite schedule property, shall file his/her/their/its objections in writing along with original documents with the under signed within 07 days from the date of this publication.
 Any objections on and after 07 days, shall not be entertained & my clients shall proceed with sale transaction, presuming that there are no claim/s what so ever of anyone on the same.
COMPOSITE SCHEDULE PROPERTY
 Property bearing No.7, Assessment No.48, Kaneshmani No.3312, having PID No. 40-173/7, situated at 4th Main, 6th Cross, Nagarabhatti, Bengaluru, previously called Nagarabhatti Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now comes under the limits of BBMP Ward No. 132 (Attiguppe) measuring East to West: 35.0 feet and North to South: 40.0 feet totally measuring 1400 Square feet together with residential building & bounded on:
East by : Property of K.C. Govindappa, **West by** : Property No.8, **North by** : Road, **South by** : Property No. 12 & 13,
A.N. Krishna, Advocate, #7, 2nd Floor, B.R. Ramu Building, Diagonal Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru-560004.
 Place : Bengaluru Dated: 12/11/2021

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS
 State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
 Ph: 080-22215601, 22211246, Fax: 080-22215602
No: DYES/ES/AP/ES/147/2019-20 Dated: 09-11-2021
TENDER NOTIFICATION
 (Through E-Procurement Portal Only)
 The Deputy Director (Admn), invites tender from the eligible contractors for the following work.

S.No.	Particulars	Tender Amount	EMD Amount
1	Construction of Sports Hostel Building at Yadagiri.	Rs. 221.22 Lakhs	Rs. 3,32,000/-

 The tender shall be submitted online through e-Procurement Portal: <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.
 1) Last Date and Time for Submission of tender documents through E-Procurement Portal: 24-11-2021, Time: 16.00 Hrs.
 2) Opening of Technical Bid: 25-11-2021, Time: 16.30 Hrs.
 3) Opening of Financial Bid: will be intimated. Further information may be obtained at the above mentioned Address.
Sd/- Deputy Director (Admin) and Tender Inviting Authority
Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports
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DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR
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[Details of the credit facilities/ies availed by the Borrower]

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NPA Date :01.12.2020 Demand Notice Dated :13.10.2021
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Middle-order batter not in scheme of things against New Zealand but drafted for A side with an eye on SA tour

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

THE last time Hanuma Vihari played a Test for India, he came up with a heroic effort. Batting on one leg for more than two-and-a-half hours, his 161-ball unbeaten 23 helped India draw the Sydney Test. While an injured hamstring kept him out of the home season against England, right through the return series in England, Vihari warmed the bench. With India sticking to six batters policy, Vihari, who has long been the fourth-choice for middle-order, has only been getting a chance as a fill-in or if they played seven batters.

With Virat Kohli opting for a rest for the upcoming T20Is and first Test against New Zealand, Vihari would have walked into the XI in Kanpur. It was the break he had been waiting for, an opportunity that would have

helped him to make a case for himself to be part of the XI on a regular basis. In the 12 Tests he has played across four years, only one has been at home. Instead, he didn't find a place in the Test squad, but has been added to the India A team that will tour South Africa starting this week. The upcoming home series against New Zealand was supposed to be the start of a transition period for India in Tests. With Ajinkya Rahane's struggles continuing and doubts over Cheteshwar Pujara persisting in seaming conditions, the series presented the selectors and team management to try out new options before the tough tour of South Africa.

On Friday, as the BCCI released the squad for the Tests against New Zealand, the selectors' pick was largely on the same lines. In a series where Rohit Sharma has opted for rest



Ajinkya Rahane will lead India during the New Zealand series

and Kohli not available for the first Test, they have recalled Shubman Gill and Shreyas Iyer as options for the middle-order. It is the first big sign of India looking at the next line of batters for the middle-order and one that was bound to happen given the recent performances of Pujara and Rahane. Gill, who not too long ago was seen as an opener, is now being seen as middle-order fix, one who could

bat at No 3 going forward.

The word around is that the selectors, in consultation with the team management, thought Vihari would benefit if he travels with India A to South Africa where he would play three-four-day matches. With Rahane not in best of form and given Pujara's struggles in South Africa, there are indications that the two are far from being assured of a place when the Freedom Series begins on December 17. And the selectors are keen to test other options before they make the big call.

Had Vihari been picked for the Tests against New Zealand, he would have got only one chance and would have warmed the bench in Mumbai. Hence they opted for Gill and included Shreyas as a cover. One can argue that Vihari and Gill could have swapped places in India and India A teams. But with Vi-

hari ahead of Gill in the pecking order, the selectors feel the A tour will offer him better preparation should he be in contention for the first Test in Johannesburg.

It is understood that the selectors, when they named the India A squad on November 9, preferred to send Gill and Shreyas to South Africa early. But with no clarity on the availability of Kohli and Rohit then, named only a 14-man squad for the tour, which had four openers and only two middle-order batters. The one remaining slot was kept open which has now been taken by Vihari.

Selection calls are always debatable and this one on Vihari sounds harsh. Only time will tell if it is right or wrong.

Squad: Rahane (capt), Rahul, Mayank, Pujara (vc), Gill, Shreyas, Saha (wk), Bharat (wk), Jadeja, Ashwin, Axar, Jayant, Ishant, Umesh, Siraj, Prasidh.

Want to create my own identity: Iyer

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

WITH the likes of the legendary Sunil Gavaskar and supreme artist VVS Laxman rooting for Venkatesh Iyer to be the stop-gap all-rounder that India is looking for against New Zealand in the T20 series, but the 26-year old is under no pressure. He is relaxed and wants to enjoy his outing in the middle should he get a chance.

"Pleased to have been selected to play for the country. I am really very happy and just want to go out and enjoy my outing. I am mentally prepared for the job and want to give my best shot if I get an opportunity to play," said a modest Venkatesh.



Venka tesh Iyer

Gavaskar had stated that Venkatesh can be groomed to bat down the order at No. 6 or No. 7 and bowl his quota of four overs. Gavaskar also pointed out that in the past Vijay Shankar and Shivam Dube did not get enough opportunities and was hopeful that Venkatesh will get enough opportunities to prove his mettle. "I am pretty well aware that my job is that of an all-rounder. It is not for me to decide where I am comfortable to bat or bowl. It is up to the team management to decide where I should bat and bowl. As I said earlier if given an opportunity I'm game to play any role," said Venkatesh.

Venkatesh was in his element in the recently concluded IPL where he scored 370 runs in 10 matches for Kolkata Knight Riders, averaging 41.11. He also bowled 8.3 overs in the tournament and took 3 wickets.

"It was a beautiful journey with Kolkata. I enjoyed and learnt a lot about how to pace my innings and adapt to the situation. I also bowled reasonably well whenever I got an opportunity," he said. Many all-rounders who have played for India have modelled their game on the likes of a Kapil Dev or Ravi Shastri or Ben Stokes. But Venkatesh's line of thinking is different. "I have not modelled my game based on anyone. I wish to create an identity and I am keen on working towards it," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Rizwan spent two nights in ICU before Oz tie

DUBAI: Pakistan opener Mohammad Rizwan spent two nights in the Intensive Care Unit of a hospital here, battling severe chest infection but insisted on playing in the T20 World Cup semifinal against Australia, eventually top-scoring for the team in a lost cause. Pakistan team doctor Najeem Somroo revealed these details in the post-match press conference.

Women's cricket team to tour NZ ahead of WC

WELLINGTON: The Indian women's cricket team will play five ODIs and one T20 International in New Zealand next year as part of its preparations for the World Cup scheduled to be held there. The six-match series will begin with the lone T20 on February 9 and end on February 24. The World Cup is to be held in March-April after being postponed for a year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Brazil seal World Cup berth with win

SAO PAULO: Brazil are celebrating as the first South American team to qualify for the World Cup in Qatar with several matches in hand and more than a year before the tournament begins in Qatar. South American soccer body CONMEBOL says Brazil as the first team of the region to qualify, with 11 wins in 12 matches. The latest came on Thursday night in Sao Paulo, with Lucas Paqueta scoring the only goal in the 72nd minute in a 1-0 win over Colombia.

Key K'taka players to miss SMAT knockouts

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA will miss the services of Mayank Agarwal, Prasidh Krishna, Devdutt Padikkal and K Gowtham in their upcoming Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (SMAT) pre-quarterfinal clash against Saurashtra at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi on Tuesday. The first two have been included in India's Test squad for the upcoming Test series against New Zealand while the other two are in India's A squad for the South Africa tour later this month. Ravikumar Samarth, Aditya Somanna, Koushik V and Ritesh Bhatkal have been named as their replacements.

The quartet, who will miss the knockout stages, are key players of the squad. As a result, the onus will fall on skipper Manish Pandey and Karun Nair in the batting department to score big runs. But, they also have players like Samarth and Rohan Kadam, who can step up their game when required with the willow.

However, Prasidh and Gowtham will be a big miss considering they were the bowling spearhead in the pace and spin department respectively. Fazal R Khaleel, chairman of the State senior selection committee, feels it is an opportunity for the others to make a mark.

"I am not very worried. The team combination, batting orders and so on may change and the team is ready to go. The fast bowling department in Karnataka is very good and we have a good depth. Now (in Prasidh's absence), it provides youngsters an opportunity to put their hands up and perform. We have the likes of Vyshak, Vidyadhar Patil and others, who can do well. As for spinners, we have Shreyas Gopal also, he is a match winner," he said.

SQUAD

Manish Pandey (C), Samarth R, Siddharth K V, Rohan Kadam, Anirudha A Joshi, Abhinav Manohar, Karun Nair, Sharath BR (wk), Nihal Ullal (wk) Shreyas Gopal, Suchith J, Pravin Dubey, Cariappa K C, Koushik V, Prateek Jain, Vyshak V, Darshan MB, Aditya Somanna, Ritesh Bhatkal and Vidyadhar Patil.



(from left) Geeta Phogat, Sarita Mor, Pooja Dhand and Bhagyashree during the medal ceremony in Gonda (UP) on Friday

Sarita beats idol Geeta, clinches sr nationals gold

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

WHEN Geeta Phogat created history by becoming the first Indian woman wrestler to clinch a gold medal at the 2010 Commonwealth Games, the then 15-year-old Sarita Mor was in the junior national camp. Geeta's famous victory turned her into a role model for every budding woman wrestler and Sarita was one of them. Such was Sarita's obsession with her idol that she used to keep Geeta's pictures in her diary. As she graduated to senior level, the duo faced each other on wrestling mat, at least, on a couple of occasions with Geeta emerging triumphant every time. Incidentally, they last met in the 2017 national semifinals wherein Geeta posted a come-from-behind victory. Four years later, Geeta's all-win record over Sarita was broken in Nandini Nagar, Gonda (Uttar Pradesh) as the younger grappler recorded a comprehensive 8-0 victory in the 59kg final of the senior nationals on Friday.

"I am a big fan of Geeta didi. When I attended the senior camp for the first time, her presence was enough to make me excited. But we are rivals on the mat. This is my first win over her and I am happy our strategy worked," an elated Sarita, who represented Railways in the tournament, told this daily.

Sarita dominated all her bouts en route final winning two by fall and one by technical superiority. The weight category was one of the toughest in the women's competition as it featured three world medallists — Geeta, Sarita and Pooja Dhand, who eventually finished with bronze.

Fresh from her bronze medal haul in the Worlds last month, Sarita made sure she didn't commit past mistakes. "The last time I lost to her I gave points while attacking. But this time I stick to my strength which is counter-attack. Me and my husband Rahul Maan (also a wrestler) analysed the old videos and prepared strategy for the bout against Geeta didi as I knew I would face her during the competition."

She, however, was all praise for the 32-year-old Geeta, who was making a comeback to competitive wrestling after three years. "It's (comeback) not easy but she entered the final which is a big achievement," Sarita said.

Meanwhile, Geeta's younger sister Sangeeta won the 62kg final. Sakshi Malik, the 2016 Rio Olympic bronze medallist, however, was knocked out by Manisha with a 6-1 score in the same weight category.

Another big name to suffer defeat was U23 Worlds bronze medallist Divya Kakran (72kg). She was pinned by eventual gold winner Pinki. Country's Next Gen wrestlers also made their presence felt as Madhya Pradesh's Shivani Pawar, the U-23 Worlds silver winner, won the gold in the 50kg beating Delhi's Simran, a junior Worlds bronze medallist. Haryana won the team championship in women's wrestling with Railways and Delhi finishing second and third respectively.

In men's freestyle, four finals were played with Mangal (61kg), Vishal Kaliraman (70kg), Satyawart Kadian (97kg) and Sandeep Mann (86kg) winning a gold medal each.

NGOs have to include WFI in deals

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

NOW, the country's wrestlers will not be able to sign contracts with NGOs independently. Instead, the contract will now be a tripartite arrangement and the Wrestling Federation of India will be a part of it. And to begin with it, the national federation has allowed JSW to enter into an agreement with the wrestlers after obtaining its consent.

The WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh had expressed reservations about NGOs offering contracts to wrestlers without keeping the federation in a loop. "JSW approached me and after discussions, we have agreed that the contract will be tripartite. As per the agreement, they will spend ₹3 crore annually on our wrestlers. Obviously, terms and conditions of the contract have to be approved by the WFI before entering the contract," the WFI chief told this daily. Speaking on OGG's status, Singh said the NGO has not approached the federation and if it does, a solution will be reached.

Meanwhile, in its Annual General Meeting held on Friday, the WFI decided that the quota winners, if the need arises, will have to appear in trials before finalising the national team for the next Olympics.

Bowling Institute defeat KSBA C

BENGALURU: Bowling Institute defeated KSBA 'C' 2-0 in the M. Chennappa Memorial Inter club Billiards tournament quarterfinals here on Friday. However, it was a close encounter between KSBA and Bangale Club with the former emerging victorious 2-1 in one of the other quarterfinals.

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

GRAHAM Reid has quietly been dotting the Is and crossing the Ts with the junior hockey team in Bhubaneswar. With the junior World Cup commencing in the city on November 24, the Australian, who will be present with the squad and oversee things alongside chief junior coach BJ Kariappa, has little time to chisel the team in his own image.

Even though he's no stranger to a few of the players — with Covid halting regular stream of friendlies — the seniors played in a number of matches against the juniors while building up to the Olympics in Bengaluru (the seniors, who will shift base to Bhubaneswar in a week's time to prepare for the Asian Champions Trophy in December, will play the juniors in a few games before the World Cup).

So what's the most that somebody like Reid can do? He hasn't

coached any of the U-21 boys for a period of time and unless they make the step up to the senior side, he may not coach them again. So what's the thing the 57-year-old believes he can do over the next three weeks or so.

More than working on their technical aspects, he wants to instill in them values that will keep the players in good stead. When he says values, he's referring to the structures that's visible throughout the senior squad. "Now for me, it's about putting the icing on the cake, trying to instil some of the values that we have in the senior team, the structures that are put in place," he said during a press conference on Friday. "In the last month, I have been a relationship coach... you know, having relationships with each of the players is really vital so that when the chips are down these things can come to the fore."

The relationships Reid forms with these players could be important because the junior World Cup comes at a pivotal time. Even though the senior side won bronze at the Olympics, they are entering a transition phase. A couple of players have already retired while a few others on the wrong side of 30 are entering the November of their careers. To ensure there is a conveyor belt replacing the senior players, tournaments like this help in identifying the next generation.

But Reid didn't look that ahead, he preferred to focus on handling pressure. "There is already enough pressure. When you are the reigning champions, there is already some extra pressure. But what people would understand is that it's a completely different team than what we had four years ago. We have to make sure we trust each other's preparation and that's what we will be doing."

SUPER WOMAN

Want to inspire youngsters to win Arjuna and Padma Shri: Bembem

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

OINAM Bembem Devi needs no introduction. At a time when support for football was sparse, Bembem carved a successful career, shining for over two decades in the national team. And that has not gone unnoticed as she was recently handed the Padma Shri, the fourth-highest civilian honour. She hung up her boots in 2016, but her love affair with the sport continues. Donning the coach's hat of late, she is looking to inspire many to follow in her footsteps in the years to come.

"I've said that I'm willing to sacrifice for football and do more. I'm ready to do anything to help lift women's football. It's not like I'll rest after this award. I want to help youngsters to win Arjuna and Padma Shri awards like me. I want to share my experience and motivate them," Bembem, the first female footballer from the country to win the Padma Shri, said in a virtual interaction on Friday when asked how the coveted award could inflate the expectation levels from her side.

Like most athletes from the Northeast, Bembem, a crafty

midfielder who played 85 matches for the national team, had her fair share of hardships. Coming from a humble background in Imphal, getting the basic facilities in itself was an everyday struggle for her during her salad days. Moreover, she also had to convince her father to take up the sport as he wanted her to pursue education. And yet, she persisted, dribbling alongside boys in her hometown, before breaking into the national team. Things have improved over the years and Bembem is glad to see this transformation.

"For the last five years or so



Oinam Bembem Devi

during my playing career, we were getting the facilities that are available now. But before that it was difficult. We didn't have a physio, we didn't have proper kits. We used to travel by bus/train. Now, there are a lot of changes. And we wouldn't get many exposure trips. Now, even the Indian Women's League (IWL) has been introduced, women's football has made good progress," the former India skipper, who has also represented an overseas club, noted.

The 'changes' that Bembem notes are evident. The national team will be competing against

heavyweights Brazil in Manaus on November 25. They'll also be facing Chile and Venezuela. These matches have been conducted bearing in mind the AFC Women's Asian Cup, to be held in India, next year. "Playing against Brazil and Chile, their confidence will rise. When I was playing in 1997, we travelled to Germany. We lost against them but I still gained a lot of confidence. So, when you're up against a strong team, the confidence level will automatically rise," the 41-year-old said.

Progress is visible but the women's team still has miles to

go in order to be competitive at the elite level. Bembem urged all the stakeholders — sponsors and clubs — to support the youngsters. "All the stakeholders in the sport should also come forward and encourage women. A lot of them have financial issues and they don't get paid well. Football rules, be it men or women, are the same. When they take part in IWL and they get meagre sums like ₹20,000, ₹50,000, ₹60,000... that's not enough, they need support to build their career. It will be beneficial if we can have more tournaments for women."



Mauritius imposed a raft of new Covid-19 curbs on Friday as it confronted an upsurge in cases despite a high vaccination rate. The country had fully opened its doors to international visitors at the start of October



SpaceX capsule carrying four astronauts docked with the ISS on Thursday, kicking off a six-month stay on the orbiting outpost. Crew-3 is part of NASA's multibillion-dollar partnership with Elon Musk's space company



EXFILE ECOLOGY

Why no other vertebrates but birds have colourful eggs?

Of all the beings that lay eggs, like reptiles or even mammals like the platypus, only birds are found to have colourful eggs; that too, sometimes, with intricate patterns. Why so? In a study published recently in the journal *Evolution*, scientists try to uncover some egg-citing stuff. Here's a lowdown

A MIX OF BROWN & BLUE

The study found that all colours on egg shells are derived from just two pigments: brown and blue. Different combinations of these two colours produce vivid shades found on egg shells

DINOSAUR: AN EXCEPTION

In 2017, scientists discovered that other than birds, only dinosaurs had laid colourful eggs

What was even more surprising is that they found a link between dinosaurs' nesting behaviour and the egg colour. It was discovered that those dinos that lay eggs in partially open nests rather than burying them had colourful egg shells

The researchers postulate a similar idea on why birds, particularly those that have open cup nests, alone lay colourful eggs

The recent study, led by Kiara L'Herpiniere, a PhD candidate at the Macquarie University, talks about how 40 million years ago, songbirds used to build covered nests and over time how they started to build open cup nests. They found that this led to a diversification of the egg shell colours

From a narrow range of coloured eggs (white or dark brown) in closed nests, birds now lay eggs in a variety of colours (white, pink, olive, blue, pink and brown) in open cup nests

HOW COLOUR COULD HELP? VARIOUS HYPOTHESES

1 TEMPERATURE BUFFER

When the temperature of eggs varies beyond a certain range, the embryos could die. However, coloured eggs could retain heat longer than the plain ones. This could also protect the embryo from environmental factors like extreme cold or rain

2 COLOUR AS A PLASTER

When a female bird's diet is lacking in calcium, which could also arise from the use of pesticides in the wild, the eggshells could become thinner. The researchers found that pigments are deposited in the same spot where the egg is thin and these colours strengthen the shells

3 SURVIVAL ADVANTAGE

Colour pigments could help in camouflaging the eggs from predators or could possibly show females' reproductive fitness. Blue, in particular, could signify this

QUESTIONS LEFT UNANSWERED

Why do some eggs have intricate and delicate coloured patterns? Did colour start playing a major role to prevent parasitic cuckoos laying eggs in other birds' nests?

A FLEXIBLE TRAIT

The researchers found that laying colourful eggs was a trait that the birds lost and regained multiple times

In an interesting addition, they also found that the birds that lay eggs in open cup nests lost and regained the trait twice as many times as birds that still continue to make closed nests today

Today, many birds have the ability to weave complex nests that can hold the weight of the eggs, withstand harsh rains and winds



HOW EGG COLLECTIONS CAME IN HANDY

In the 1800s, naturalists had extensive egg collections. Now, even though collecting many rare eggs is illegal, those old collections helped the researchers analyse colour patterns

CLIMATE DEAL INCONCLUSIVE AS COP26 DRAWS TO A CLOSE

Fossil fuels and finance take centre stage in Glasgow on Friday; emissions cutting, climate reporting and support for vulnerable nations remain as sticking points

CLIMATE

GLASGOW: When just a handful of hours of scheduled talks were remaining on the final day, countries are hardly any closer to agreement over whether national emissions cutting plans must be ramped up in the short term, how climate action is reported, and how vulnerable nations are supported.

Delegates from nearly 200 nations are wrangling over a final agreement to the summit, which aims to keep the goal of limiting temperatures to 1.5 degrees Celsius, as global warming-driven disasters hit home around the world.

A new draft COP26 statement

called on nations to ease reliance on fossil fuels and boost funding to help vulnerable nations face the climate crisis as talks entered their final hours on Friday.

"We'll get there. We are not there yet," US climate envoy John Kerry told reporters on his way into last-ditch meetings. After two weeks of round-the-clock negotiations, delegates produced a round-up of their progress.

The draft—which can still undergo further changes—urged governments to accelerate "the phase-out of unabated coal power and of inefficient subsidies for fossil fuels".

The new draft did flesh out



Rich nations treat climate finance as charity to placate developing countries into signing a compromised package

Harjeet Singh, Climate Action Network

other key areas of contention, including in a line calling on developed countries to "at least double" their adaptation funding by 2025.

Bob Ward, of the Grantham

Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics and Political Science, said the inclusion of fossil fuels—previously anathema for

major emitters—in the draft text was "very important and historic".

"The text is also right to emphasise the need for rich countries to honour their pledge to deliver \$100 billion a year to help developing countries," he said, referring to the sum wealthy nations promised more than a decade ago that still has not been delivered.

Earth needs trillions

Meanwhile, the IPCC report, scheduled for release early next year, shows that the \$100 billion figure is no more than a down payment on what is needed to prepare for unavoidable impacts the world would face.

It says that by 2050, finance needed for adaptation could hit one trillion dollars every year, under certain emissions scenarios. At two degrees of warming, adaptation costs in Africa alone are projected to increase by "tens of billions" every year.

Tracy Carty, head of Oxfam's COP26 delegation, said the new text was still missing "some vital elements". Ugandan youth activist Vanessa Nakate said that, "The truth is that the atmosphere doesn't care about commitments".

"It only cares about what we put into it or stop putting into it. Humanity will not be saved by promises."

Fossil fuel support 'insanity', says Kerry

US climate envoy John Kerry told that fossil fuel subsidies were "insanity" as countries laid out their red lines in the final hours of high stakes negotiations. He added that trillions of dollars had been spent in the last five or six years on subsidising the polluting fossil fuels driving climate change: "That is the definition of insanity." Kerry was addressing a stocktake, that allows countries to raise concerns over the negotiations so far.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Raging measles outbreak in Af



HEALTH

A raging measles outbreak has sickened thousands and killed nearly 100 in crisis-ravaged Afghanistan this year, the WHO said on Friday, warning that many more would die without urgent action. The UN health agency said the outbreak was particularly concerning since Afghanistan is facing surging food insecurity and malnutrition. "For malnourished children, measles is a death sentence," WHO spokeswoman Margaret Harris told in Geneva. She stressed the need to urgently scale up disease surveillance and testing in the country, but said that even without sufficient monitoring, it was clear that "a measles outbreak is raging." "We have seen higher numbers of cases this year and we are seeing new cases every day," she said.

1st rhino horn NFT sold



ECOLOGY

A digital replica of a rhino horn sold at an auction in South Africa late Thursday, as conservationists tapped into the craze for NFTs to raise money to protect real rhinos. Cape Town businessman Charl Jacobs paid \$6,850 for the digital horn, which he said he plans to place into a trust for his children. "If worst-case scenario, if rhinos go into complete disarray then I would still own a rhino horn, because the NFT is a token of the physical rhino horn," he told AFP. Proceeds from the sale go to the private Black Rock Rhino conservancy, home to 200 rhinos that are able to breed while protected from poachers. "We are doubling our population every four years. So it's a really important conservation project," said conservationist Derek Lewitton.

Covaxin highly efficacious and safe: Study

COVID

PARIS: Covaxin, the first Covid-19 vaccine developed in India, is "highly efficacious" and presents no safety concerns, according to a study published in the *Lancet* on Thursday. Covaxin, developed by Bharat Biotech, gained emergency approval from the

WHO last week and has already been cleared in 17 countries. The UN body has described it as "extremely suitable for low- and middle-income countries due to easy storage requirements".

Some of the other approved vaccines must be stored at very low temperatures, which throws up logistical and

cost problems.

Covaxin "was highly efficacious against laboratory-confirmed symptomatic Covid-19 disease in adults," the report said. The jab was also "well tolerated with no safety concerns raised in this interim analysis", it added.

The vaccine has a 78% efficacy rate after two doses.



VIVIDLY BEDECKED

A camel herder at the Pushkar Fair in Ajmer, Rajasthan on Friday. The 13-day fair, which opened on Monday, is an occasion for the nomadic camel breeding communities to earn money. The annual event was called off in 2020 due to the pandemic | PTI

UK export bar on Tipu's tiger head

ARCHAEOLOGY

LONDON: A gold jewelled tiger head, which once belonged to the gold-covered throne of Mysore ruler Tipu Sultan in 18th century India, was on Friday placed under a temporary export bar in an attempt to find a UK buyer for it.

The finial, or a crowning ornament, is worth around GBP 1.5 million and the export bar placed by the British government is used to allow time for a UK gallery or institution to acquire the piece of historic value. The finial is one of eight gold tiger heads that adorned the throne of the ruler, famously known as the "Tiger of Mysore".

"This fascinating finial illustrates the story of Tipu Sultan's reign and leads us to examine our imperial history," said UK Arts Minister Lord Stephen Parkinson. "I hope a UK-based buyer comes forward so that we can all continue to learn more about this important period in our shared history with India," he said.

The finial, made of gold and set with rubies, diamonds and emeralds, is described as a rare example of fully documented 18th century South Indian goldsmiths' work and its existence was unknown until 2009.

Its marble pedestal is unique among the five surviving finials known, and the meaning of its gold inscription is still a mystery.

The decision on the export licence application for the finial has been deferred until February 11, 2022, which may be extended until 11 June 2022 if a serious intention to raise funds to purchase it is made at the recommended price of GBP 1.5 million. The Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art and Objects of Cultural Interest (RCEWA) had agreed that it is an important symbolic object in Anglo-Indian history in the last years of the 18th century. "Tipu Sultan's golden and bejewelled throne was broken up by the British army's Prize Agents after Tipu's defeat and death in defence of his capital, Seringapatam, in 1799.



Cheetahs fast running to extinction

ECOLOGY

Tiny, weeks-old cheetah cubs suckled from baby bottles and purred weakly, their condition still dangerously precarious after their rescue from the Horn of Africa's illegal wildlife trade. Around half the cubs saved from traffickers do not survive the trauma—and there are real concerns for the smallest of this lot, a frail infant nicknamed "Green" weighing just 700 grams. They are the lucky ones—every year an estimated 300 cheetah cubs are trafficked through Somalia to wealthy buyers in the Middle East seeking exotic pets. Snatched from their mothers, shipped out of Africa to war-torn Yemen and onward to the Gulf, cubs that survive the ordeal can fetch up to \$15,000 on the black market.



RESEARCH

WASHINGTON: US scientists have developed a new form of drug that promotes the regeneration of cells and reversed paralysis in mice with spinal injuries, allowing them to walk again within four weeks of treatment.

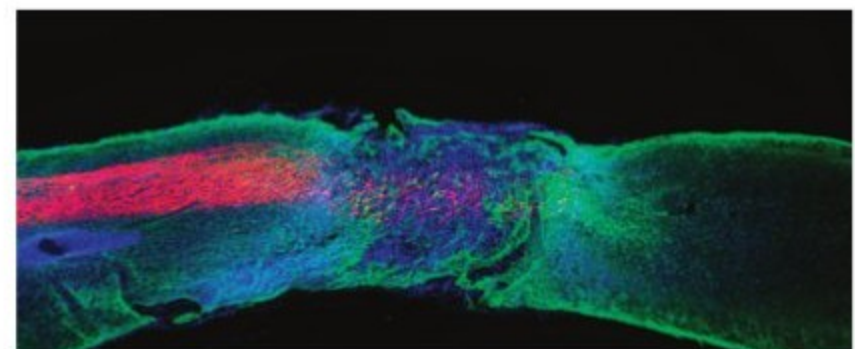
The research was published in the journal *Science* on Thursday, and the team of Northwestern University scientists behind it hope to approach the Food and Drug Administration as early as next year to propose human trials.

"The aim of our research was to develop a translatable therapy that could be brought

to the clinic to prevent individuals from becoming paralysed after major trauma or disease," Northwestern's Samuel Stupp, who led the study, told AFP.

Curing paralysis is a long-standing goal of medicine, and other cutting-edge research in the field includes experimental treatments using stem cells to make new neurons (nerve cells), gene therapy that tells the body to produce certain proteins to aid nerve repair, or injecting proteins.

Stupp's team, on the other hand, used nanofibers to mimic the architecture of the "extracellular matrix"—a naturally occurring network of molecules surrounding tissue that



Picture shows regenerated axons (red) that regrew within the area of injury | AFP

is responsible for supporting cells. Each fiber is about 10,000 times narrower than a human hair, and they are made up of hundreds of thousands of bioactive molecules called peptides that transmit signals to

promote nerve regeneration.

The therapy was injected as a gel into tissue surrounding the spinal cords of lab mice 24 hours after an incision was made in their spines.

The team decided to wait a

day because humans who receive devastating spinal injuries from car accidents, gunshots and so on also experience delays in getting treatment.

Four weeks later, mice who received the treatment regained their ability to walk almost as well as before the injury. Those left untreated did not. The mice were then put down to examine the impacts of the therapy on the cellular level, and the team found dramatic improvements to the spinal cords.

The severed extensions of neurons called axons regenerated, and scar tissue that can act as a barrier to regeneration was significantly diminished.



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DAY'S DIARY

Barbie's new avatar

Mattel launched its first-ever Barbie doll to come with its own hijab on this day. The design was inspired by Olympic fencer Ibtihaj Muhammad

THE BRAINCHILD

Ruth Handler, the wife of one of the founders of Mattel, created the doll to inspire girls by breaking boundaries and expanding possibilities for women



INSPIRATION

Ibtihaj Muhammad became the first Muslim American Olympian to wear a hijab when she participated at the Olympic Games Rio 2016



ROLE MODELS

Barbie's 'Sheroes' line that was launched in 2015 honoured models like Trisha Yearwood, Sydney Mayhem Keiser, and Emmy Rossum

From virtual real-time view of books to chatbot engagements, libraries are offering bibliophiles a library-like experience at home



Shaurya and Riya Chhapolia reading a book | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

SHELF LIFE

SANATH PRASAD

FOR Pooja Agarwal, an entrepreneur, and mother of Shaurya (10) and Riya Chhapolia (4), borrowing books through online requests and digital catalogues seems to be more convenient these days. Thanks to the current health crisis, reading is taking a new shape in Bengaluru with old-time libraries opting for new-age technology, including virtual real-time views and chatbot features. All of this is creating a library-like experience at home.

Some book rental companies now believe that delivering books to the doorstep and offer-

ing digital services to readers is the safest option. "My kids now eagerly wait every weekend for the books to be delivered home. I usually pick up four fictional books and read them aloud to them. Raising requests online for borrowing books is serving its purpose considering that the health crisis is here to stay for some time," says Agarwal. Agrees Priya Balasubramanian. "Instead of walking through the library and checking out each rack, online catalogues make it easy to filter out our choices based on age groups and genres, at one click. Tapping into the digital world has given us readers a wider scope to analyse and understand books."

Just Books, a Bengaluru-based book rental company, has introduced virtual walk-throughs across their stores in the city. According to Suresh Narasimhan, chairman of the company, there has been an 80 per cent increase in doorstep delivery of books compared to 2018 and 2019 which stood at only 20 per cent. "We have introduced a virtual real-time view of our branches. Readers can access real-time information on the availability of books at different stores. Our members are now using this a lot more and normally borrow books once every 10 days," says Narasimhan.

Those missing out on the reading experience at libraries are turning to those which host online book events to keep readers engaged. For example, My Hangout, a library based in Bellandur, conducts online reading sessions with authors and encourages people to write blogs on must-read books. According to Aanchal Agarwal, founder of the library, there are at least two online book events to keep members in line with what's happening in the book scene. "Recently we had an online book event with Bulbul Sharma who writes stories for children. We saw many kids logging onto video conferencing platforms for the session. Moreover, we are now encouraging members to write book reviews through blogs. It helps in cultivating reading habits among other members," says Agarwal, who adds that books related to parenting, self-help and food are seeing a demand these days.

Anitha Annamalai, founder of Nool Library, near Old Airport Road, has a dedicated online team working on chatbots to address queries related to books. "Although the chatbot feature existed earlier, we are now seeing more engagement with readers after the pandemic. We aim to offer personalised book recommendations to our readers and introduce them to new sets of books and help them create a virtual bookshelf of their own," says Annamalai.



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Aanchal Agarwal
founder,
My Hangout library

Priya Balasubramanian



Rain check

Bengalureans have brought out their warm clothing as temperatures have dropped. CE suggests some fun activities if you plan to stay home this weekend

ANILA KURIAN

JUST as Bengalureans are stepping out as Covid numbers fall, the recent spell of rain has forced them to stay indoors once again. But many are enjoying the cold weather and showers

and are, in fact, curling up under a blanket.

Well, to not feel like the weekend hasn't been productive enough but at the same time give you a relaxed weekend feel, here are some fun rain-related activities you can sign up for:



RID THE 'BOARDOM'

The lockdown has taught many of us to be pros at board games. From Monopoly, Ludo, Uno, Poker and Sequence, there are plenty of options to keep yourself busy on rainy days. If you don't have the physical game with you, there are apps available that will allow you to play it online. **Details:** Google Playstore, iStore

IT'S SHOWTIME

There seems to be higher chances of people staying at home and binge-watching their favourite shows this weekend. You could re-watch *The Office*, *F.R.I.E.N.D.S* or *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*. If you're looking for other show/movie recommendations, the OTT platforms have released some new movies to watch too. You could check out other recommendations on **CE's Watch list**.

'SOUP'ER REMEDY

While the weather is giving everyone a hill station vibe, it can also bring along with it a cold, sinus issues and headaches. To keep those illnesses at bay, make some tasty soup and resume your weekend activities. From Chickpea and Lentil Soup, Roasted Tomato Soup, Ramen Soup, Spicy Pumpkin Soup and Roasted Tomato Soup, there are plenty of easy recipes you can try at home.

WATCH LIST

AMERICAN CRIME STORY: IMPEACHMENT



Streaming: Disney+ Hotstar
Based on Jeffery Toobin's 1999 bestseller *A Vast Conspiracy*, the series chronicles the complex events leading up to exposing the secret affair between former President of USA Bill Clinton and the White House intern Monica Lewinsky. As journalists, employees of White House and other government officials gang up to expose the President as a 'predator', there is this one employee Linda Tripp who plays her cards to manipulate the intern and go all guns blazing to topple the President.
Cast: Sarah Paulson, Sterling Brown, Annaleigh Ashford

A MAN NAMED SCOTT (ENGLISH)

Streaming: Amazon Prime Video
A Man Named Scott chronicles the musical journey of American rapper Kid Cudi, featuring the artist himself and friends, producers, collaborators associated with him through his career. From the launch of his first song, *Day 'N Nite* in 2008, to the present-day numbers, the film gives a sneak-peek into some of the never-before-seen moments and concert footage, defining his illustrious career.
Cast: Kid Cudi

THE REVENANT (ENGLISH)

Streaming: Amazon Prime Video



As Leonardo DiCaprio turns a year older, here is a recap to one of his must-watch films. Based on the survival of the fittest theory, Hugh Glass, a legendary frontiersman, is severely injured in a bear attack and is abandoned by his hunting crew. He uses his skills to survive amidst the raging beasts and devises a plan to take revenge on his companion who betrayed him. **Cast:** Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy

CITY READ

Fashion extravaganza till Nov 14

Hi Life Exhibition, a signature fashion, lifestyle and luxury exhibitions' company, is back in Bengaluru once again. Luxurious fashion items, coupled with a safe shopping experience, is what the exhibitors assure. Exhibitors from across India are showcasing some of the most intricate design collections, including bridal wear, designer apparels, jewellery, fashion and home accessories, furnishing concepts, tasteful artefacts, décor and avant-garde art. The exhibition is on till November 14 at The Lalit Ashok, Kumar Krupa Road.



World Culture art gallery open for public

A landmark for cultural activities, The Indian Institute of World Culture art gallery is now open for the public. The inaugural art gallery painting exhibition is being held in association with Karnataka Lalitha Kala Academy till November 14. Speaking on the occasion, D Mahendra, chairman, highlighted the immense value the institute has provided to the society at large and to the cultural space over seven decades.

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called *She Knows Grub*, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are



THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to bengaluru@cityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Food quiz'

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday.

The first prize winner this week will win a complimentary voucher worth ₹2,000 Geist Brewing Factory - Restaurant & Beer Garden **

- 1 This North Karnataka specialty has some sweet ingredients added to powdered or coarse wheat flour. Typically the add-ons are cinnamon and jaggery, and this is usually consumed with ghee. Can you name this snack and its origin?
- 2 This is a super unique chutney, indigenous both to Maharashtra and Karnataka, and is made of fire red ants and their larvae, and spices. It's a winter delicacy, rich in protein (obviously!). Name the dish and where this can be found.
- 3 This type of bean is a winter ingredient, used in sambar, sagu or even in murukku! It's also common in Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Maharashtra, and it's called mochai in Tamil. What is the name of the bean in Kannada?

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE



PLAY THE PUPPET

Join a puppet-making workshop with Deepti Victor who will guide you to make easy finger puppets. The session will culminate in a small story which will be created by you using your own puppet.

When: Nov 21
Details: bookmyshow.com



CHILDREN'S DAY SPECIAL

House of Candy is presenting a wide range of candies, marshmallows, lollipops and much more for Children's Day. Choose from a variety of gummy bears, cola bottles, dark almond chocolates, fizzy chips this children's day for the kids.

Available at House of Candy website



DRAMA TIME

Theatre artists Sili Kahi Chandru and Mukhamantri Chandru are back on stage after a long time. Witness this intriguing play *Kanta Mattu Kanta* to find out what the two are set to offer in this 90-minute play.

When: Nov 13, 3:30pm and 7pm
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
Tickets: bookmyshow.com



DANCE FEATURE

In the second edition of Nityakatha, artists Vidushi Leela Samson and Vidwan Praveen Kumar will be presenting Khoj (a group production) and Vani (solo), respectively.

When: Nov 20, 6pm
Where: JSS Auditorium, Jayanagar

LAUGH OUT LOUD WITH COMEDIAN **AMIT TANDON** AS HE SHARES HIS NEW HILARIOUS STORIES. | **WHEN:** NOV 13 | **TICKETS:** BOOKMYSHOW.COM



COFFEE-MAKING WORKSHOP
ARAK U World Specialty Coffee Academy is organising Coffee 101: Whole Latte Love – a five-slots-only workshop for the coffee lovers. The workshop will make you understand latte art, the basics of espresso brewing, the difference between free pour and sketching, designing and much more.

When: Nov 13, 4pm-6pm To register, call: **7993989888**

SUNDAY MELA

Sunday Soul Sante is back again with musical performances, independent brands and start-ups showcasing their talents.

When: Nov 14
Where: Jayamahal Palace Hotel

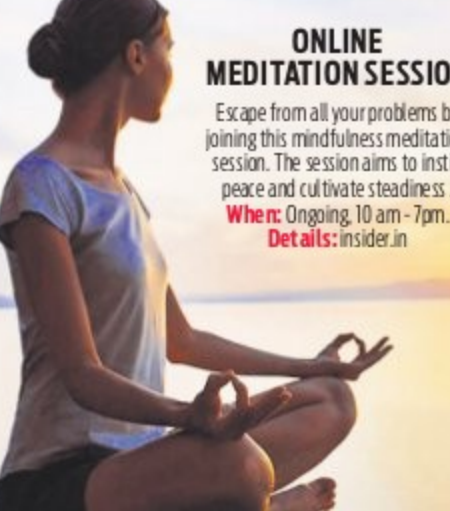


Chinese Take

Celebrate Children's Day at Chowman with specially curated dishes like Spiderman's Web (noodle soup), Doremon's Beloved Red Chicken (Crispy Fried Chicken) and Simba's Dimsum (Cock tail-sized dimsums) and more.

Price: ₹300 onwards
Where: Chowman, Kalyan Nagar





ONLINE MEDITATION SESSION
Escape from all your problems by joining this mindfulness meditation session. The session aims to instill peace and cultivate steadiness.

When: Ongoing, 10 am - 7pm.
Details: insider.in



SKATE ON!

Free up your mind, loosen up the muscles and let your feet take the move. Join this skating session in Cubbon Park to learn and practise skating to maintain a consistent fitness routine.

When: Nov 14, 9am - 1pm
Details: meetup.com

QUICK FIX
What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com



RAVA MOCK FISH FRY
INGREDIENTS

- Semolina: 1/2 cup
- Yam: 2 thin fish-shaped slices
- Chilli powder: 2 tsp
- Salt: 2 tsp ■ Lemon: 1
- Turmeric: 1/2 tsp
- Coriander powder: 1/2 tsp
- Cumin powder: 1/2 tsp
- Amchur powder: 1/4 tsp
- Ginger-garlic paste: 1/2 tsp
- Nori (seaweed) sheet: 1

METHOD

- Boil yam slices along with 1/2 tsp each of salt, chilli powder and 1/4 tsp turmeric. Paste thin strips of nori sheets on the sides of the boiled yam to make them look like fish.
- Make a paste of amchur powder, cumin powder, coriander powder, lemon juice, ginger-garlic paste, 1/4 tsp turmeric, 1/2 tsp salt & 1/2 tsp chilli powder. Apply this paste evenly on all sides of the boiled yams. Let them marinate for 30 minutes.
- Mix 1/2 tsp salt & 1/2 tsp chilli powder with rava. Coat the marinated yams & shallow fry in a non-stick pan.
- Serve them with any dip/chutney & some onion slices

— Sharmistha, Hyderabad

SOUND BOARD

A SHOW ABOUT CRYPTO WITH ROHAN JOSHI
Comedian Rohan Joshi sits down with an expert to explain, in the simplest of ways, what cryptocurrency is and how it all works. Each week, he embarks on a mission to understand the different aspects of cryptocurrencies and, how they all come together.

● On Google Podcasts

STUFF THE BRITISH STOLE
Throughout its reign, the British Empire stole a lot of stuff. Today those objects are housed in genteel institutions across the UK and the world. They usually come with polite plaques. This is a series about the not-so-polite history behind those objects.

● On Apple Podcasts

HOW TO LEARN A NEW SKILL
Why is learning new things so hard? In this episode, we'll explore that question and give you three steps to start learning something new. Now all you need to do is decide what it is you want to learn!

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DEEP DIVE WITH ALI ABDAAL
The podcast delves into the minds of entrepreneurs, creators and inspiring people to uncover their journey's towards finding joy and fulfilment at work and in life. In each episode Ali Abdaal talks to his guests about their philosophies, strategies and tools that have helped them along their personal path to living a life of happiness and meaning.

● On Amazon Music

DIET SCIENCE - SEASON - 1
This is a fun 7-8-minute weekly programme with insights and straight scoops on today's health and diet issues from Dee Mc Caffrey.

● On Gaana

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

GULTOO
Alok, an employee in an IT company, wishes to launch his own start-up company. However, his dreams are shattered when the judicial authorities arrest him for a cyber crime.

● Cast: Naveen Shankar, Sonu, Rangayana Raghu, Avinash

NAMO BHOOTATMA
A man inherits a bungalow which he renovates and turns into a hotel. As customers begin to arrive, each one invariably ends up dead and the owner begins to suspect that the house maybe haunted.

● Cast: Ishwarya Menon, Komal, Harish Raj, Gayathiri Iyer

YARIVANU
Shyam's family believes that he died by drowning in water. Months later, two strangers bring Shyam home but his family senses it to be a ploy to amass their wealth.

● Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Rajkumar, B Saroja Devi, Shringar Nagaraj

ROMEO
Ganesh, a poor man, falls in love with Shruti, a rich girl. In order to marry her, he resorts to lies and pretends to belong to an affluent family, which complicates his relationship with Shruti.

● Cast: Bhavana, Sudha Belawadi, Rangayana Raghu, Ganesh

BULBUL
A gangster's daughter tries to commit suicide after Vijay rejects her love. When the goon threatens him, Vijay lies that he loves his childhood friend, not knowing that he is inviting more trouble.

● Cast: Darshan, Rachita Ram, Ambareesh, Sharath Lohitashwa

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

- 1 A BILLION-DOLLAR CAMPAIGN TO ELECTRIFY TRANSPORT BY MONICA ARAYA AND CHRIS ANDERSON**
In conversation with head of TED Chris Anderson, electrification advocate Monica Araya introduces Drive Electric: a global campaign to retire the polluting internal combustion engine in time to avoid climate disaster.
- 2 A ROADMAP FOR YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS BY MELATI WIJSEN**
Activism is a tough job, especially for young people yearning for immediate change. How can young changemakers acquire the skills they need and keep from burning out? Climate activist Melati Wijsen offers three pieces of advice for anybody seeking to make an impact.
- 3 5 TIPS FOR DEALING WITH MEETING OVERLOAD BY CINDY SOLOMON**
The phenomenon of "calendar creep," where meetings completely take over your work days, is wasting time, energy and productivity. Leadership expert Cindy Solomon shares her five tips for clearing up your schedule and getting your calendar to work for you.
- 4 HOW HUMANITY DOUBLES LIFE EXPECTANCY IN A CENTURY - BY STEVEN JOHNSON**
Doubling human life expectancy in a century is our greatest achievement, says author Steven Johnson. Backed by fascinating historical anecdotes, he shares some life-lengthening innovations and reminds us of three key things needed to make sure all of humanity enjoys these advancements in health.
- 5 A MORE ACCURATE WAY TO CALCULATE EMISSIONS BY CHARLOTTE DEGOT**
By processing massive amounts of data on carbon emissions, green technologist Charlotte Degot explains how AI makes it possible for corporations to set meaningful climate targets, more accurately track their progress and, most importantly, reduce pollution over time.

FIT BIT
ARANYASANA
(POSE DEDICATED TO GODDESS ARANI)

This is a variation of Uttana Shishosana (Puppy Dog Pose), done for deeper opening of the shoulders and chest, engaging the core muscles to help lift the hips higher in order to hold the legs with the hands. Since in this pose the body is balancing on the chest, chin and knees, it encourages students to be fully aware of their body and breath, leading to better balance and mobility of both the hips and the shoulders.

STEPS

- From Ashtangasana, bend the legs at the knees and bring the feet to face upwards, gently rotating the knees.
- Inhale, slowly release the hands and take the arms behind you. Gently press the chin and chest on the ground. Don't change your alignment.
- Stretch the arms behind and hold the right ankle with the right hand, gently flexing the right knee. Then, stretch the left hand to hold the left ankle as you flex the left knee.
- Don't move the knees or pull the legs too much. Once you are comfortable, push the chin and chest towards the ground, and gently raise the hips.
- Pull the belly in and raise the hips higher, feeling the stretch at the base of the spine. Gently bring the feet closer towards your buttocks.
- Hold for about 3-4 breaths. Focus on Manipura and Muladhara Chakras.
- Engage the chest and neck. Raise the hips, deeper the stretch, improving with balance and flexibility.
- Finally, release the hands from the legs and relax in Reverse Corpse Pose, (Advasana). Go for another round.

BENEFITS

- Opens the shoulders, chest, upper back, lower back, hips, and neck.
- Strengthens lower back.
- Reduces tensions and stiffness around the neck, shoulders, and upper back.
- Keeps the glutes, IT band, quadriceps, sciatic nerve, active and well stimulated.
- Balances first five chakras.
- Reduces stress, calms mind and brings stability.

LIMITATIONS

- Those suffering from any injury to bicep or triceps, abdominal muscles, quadriceps, hamstrings, or have issues related to the shoulders, wrists, elbows, neck, spine, collar bone, hips, knees, pelvic joint, rib cage, internal organs, hernia, or have blood pressure, migraine, heart problems, arthritis, weak nervous system, etc., and pregnant women should avoid this.

By N. Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science), at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



REGIONAL



CHAMAK (Kannada)

Kush, a gynaecologist and playboy, reluctantly marries Kushi. However, things take a drastic turn when they both start getting to know each other and uncover the lies they fed one another.

Cast: Ganesh, Rashmika Mandanna, Sadhu Kokila, Raghuram DP

● Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

PARINAYAM (Telugu)

This comedy-drama starts with Neena and her daughter, who is keen on getting into an arranged marriage. Their life takes a turn when they meet a young man and a retired army officer.

Cast: Kalyani Priyadarshan, Shobana, Dulquer Salmaan, Suresh Gopi

● Watch on: Aha



MUGIZH (Tamil)

The story is about the relationship between a middle-class family and their beloved dog.

Cast: Vijay Sethupathi, Sreeja Vijay Sethupathi, Regina Cassandra

● Watch on: Netflix



AAPLA MANUS (Marathi)

Sr Inspector Maruti Nagargoje is investigating a murder case which took place in the house of a couple who claim that they weren't in the house when the incident happened. Maruti has a different way of working as he doesn't consider a statement given to police on crime scene as valuable and conducts his own interrogation with suspects.

Cast: Nana Patekar, Iravati Harsh, Sumet Raghavan

● Watch on: Netflix

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

PARAMATHMA (Kannada)

Param is a rich young man who falls in love with Deepa. He soon discovers that his friend Sanvi is in love with him and tries to clear the air between them.

Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Deepa Sannidhi, Aindrita Ray, Anant Nag

● Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar



ERIDA (Malayalam)

A wealthy man offers his beautiful wife as a bet in a high stakes poker game which leads to a dangerous play of hate, deception and murder.

Cast: Antony, Jennifer Antony, Amith Bastin

● Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

DUCKTALES THE MOVIE: TREASURE OF THE LOST LAMP (Animation)

Scrooge McDuck and his nephews Huey, Dewey and Louie travel to Egypt in search of a magic lamp, which is coincidentally the evil sorcerer Murlock and his sidekick Dijon's object of desire.

Cast: Alan Young, Russi Taylor, Terrence McGovern, Richard Libertini

● Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar



VANTAGE POINT (English)

US President Henry Ashton attends a summit in Spain to sign a treaty but is shot by an unknown sniper. Subsequently, an explosion takes place in the square, which leads to absolute chaos.

Cast: Dennis Quaid, William Hurt, Matthew Fox, Forest Whitaker

● Watch on: Sony Liv



1917 (English)

Two soldiers, assigned the task of delivering a critical message to another battalion, risk their lives for the job in order to prevent them from stepping right into a deadly ambush.

Cast: George MacKay, Dean-Charles Chapman, Mark Strong, Andrew Scott

● Watch on: Sony Liv



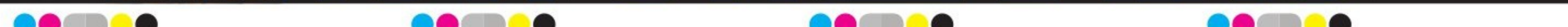
THE MINDY PROJECT (English, series)

Mindy Lahiri, an obstetrician and gynaecologist in New York, endeavours to develop a well-rounded personality as she tries to get her romantic life on track with the help of her ofbeat co-workers.

Cast: Mindy Kaling, Chris Messina, Ed Weeks, Anna Camp

● Watch on: Netflix

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EXITING THE BLACK-HOLE



RUBINATIONS

Rubi Chakravarti

Writer, actor and funny girl

Good morning my tribe!

I'm sitting with a hot cuppa in my hand, as I furiously type on my keyboard to be in time to send off my column. I gave myself some much-needed time off last week, and made doe eyes and whiny noises to my editors who gave me a week off.

I am still an old-fashioned girl who likes to keep her work ethics and commitments as I say it. I am akin to a (he/him) Salman Khan. (I just love using avant-garde terminology to impress folk...if I don't do it then who will right?) Salmansprouts

the same kind of dialogue in his movies! I am an actor, so who says a real-life scenario doesn't duplicate a 'reel' life scenario, huh? But, all things notwithstanding, I was truly chuffed to receive umpteen messages and mails from my readers saying that they missed reading my column last week.

Other than the weekly dose of chuckles, many followers have been very grateful for the amount of time I have devoted to mental health and its related repercussions, and being able to deal with it without cynosure or a sense of embarrassment.

So, things seem to have limped back to normal. Every time I step out of my home, the traffic snarls at me while the abraded roads threaten to swallow me whole!

The cyclone in Chennai seems to have a worse effect on



Ajay Vij, Biswajit Chakraborty, Reuben Kataria and Kavita V

our city than theirs! Before we heard of the horror of children being swept into open manholes, now it is complete vehicles and sections of buildings that are being swept away. But our BBMP officials are unstoppable.

Undaunted PPP (party people personified), set out to

squeeze the maximum enjoyment out of the city. Sitting at home, twiddling our thumbs, cooking, falling sick (or avoiding falling sick) isn't so enjoyable after all.

Many invitations to a spate of cake mixings (I have never understood that terminology. Shouldn't it be



Vinod, Ila Naidu, Kaushik R and Kiran Soans



Gaurav Soneja and Amaan Kidwai

called fruit soaking?) came my way. I was running out of excuses declining those invitations. After all my two years of twilight zoning must amount to something right? The only 'cake-mixing' I deemed to attend was to bid farewell to a dear friend, the GM of ITC Gardenia, Amaan Kidwai.

Amaan has always been a quiet, gracious and wonderful friend and I will be sad to see him go. His intimate party abounded with good cheer while yours truly gave him a little speech and sang a ditty. We bid you au revoir good friend.

Kiran Soans is a veritable powerhouse of information regarding food. His company 'World on a Plate' has revolu-

tionised the culinary world by bringing in world renowned master-chefs for their expertise, running culinary events and discovering 'hidden-gem' restaurants and giving them a platform to showcase their talents. His invitation to brunch at Farmore was super exciting as it was on my bucket list.

From farm to fork. One eats what is grown and the food transcends all borders.

This is a brainchild of the young and reticent Kaushik R, who hails from a family of hoteliers, and who hand-picked the free-spirited young chef, Johnson Ebenezer and his team to turn this restaurant into a culinary talking-point.

Finding an excuse to dine with the charming Reuben and Nidhi Kataria is never a problem.

Last night, a couple of us met again at the pre-launch of his Pan-Asian 'gem' Lotus-Oriental at The Leela Bhartiya City to enjoy the ambience of the rooftop bar and feast on cuisine ranging from the Thai, Japanese and Chinese genre.

Yes! Life is slowly but surely turning around.

Boozy tales



KRISHNAMURTHY AR

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It's always fascinating to trace the origins of words or phrases, and it is not surprising to know that alcohol and spirits are the centerpiece of many of these. Most likely because a bar or pub is usually most conducive to inebriated stories and folklore. No wonder a bartender is associated with being a shoulder to cry on or the first person to hear some good news, or being an attentive listener, of course, in addition to his bartending skills.

Take the word 'booze' to begin with. In old Dutch, 'busen' meant excessive drinking, which became 'bouse' in Old English, and this has now evolved to become 'booze'.

In the 18th century, an Admiral named Vernon ordered that the rum issued to sailors be diluted with water (much to their dismay). The Admiral was nicknamed 'Old Grog' because of his customary Groggram Coat. This diluted drink, thus, came to be known as Grog, and that's how someone who has had too much to drink is said to be 'groggy'.

And now to 'bottoms up'. Contrary to what one may believe, this traditional cheer when one quaffs off the last of their drink has nothing to do with one's bottom, or getting off a seat to have the drink. It has to do with the 'press gangs', the detachment of soldiers sent to round up able-bodied men to be 'pressed' into service, usually

against their will. These gangs used to frequent pubs in the days of yore and drop a shilling into the drink of a prospective recruit. Once he reached the end of his drink, he was said to have accepted the (king's) money, and consequently forced to join the Army or the Navy. Wary customers of the time therefore stayed away from



pubs till some pub owners hit upon the novel idea of having glass-bottomed tankards through which the shilling could be seen when it was raised. One could therefore see the coin when the glass was raised 'bottoms up', and the game was up for the gangs.

Chocolate pops

Recipe by Smitha Kalluraya, @smithakalluraya

INGREDIENTS

- Chocolate cake 50 gm
- Condensed milk 1-2 tbsp
- Dark chocolate 50 gm
- Vegetable oil (one with a very mild flavour) 1-2 tsp
- Sprinkles to decorate
- Lollipop sticks / fruit sticks

Method

● Crumble the cake with your fingers such that it resembles coarse bread crumbs. ● Add condensed milk to the crumbs. Mix it using your hands. Check if you are able to form a ball. ● Divide the dough into small balls. Smoothen the surface by greasing your hands. ● Cover and refrigerate for about 1-3 hours. ● When it's time to take out the cake balls from the fridge, begin preparing the coating. Before you start melting chocolates, keep the ingredients handy - sprinkles, stick, chocolate etc. ● Melt dark chocolate, add oil, mix and bring to dropping consistency. This will be the coating of cake pops. ● Prick a stick to the cake pops, dip them into melted chocolate, decorate with sprinkles and allow the chocolate to dry. ● Once set, enjoy cake pops.



CHILD'S PLAY

It's hard to get children to eat their food, but there are some dishes, like these, that they won't be able to resist. This Children's Day, try out some fun recipes you can make with your kids

Mug Cake

Recipe by Monisha Bhatia, @achetobakes

INGREDIENTS

- Maida 3 tbsp
- Baking powder 1/4 tsp
- Granulated sugar 3 tbsp
- Cocoa powder 2 tbsp
- Melted butter 3 tbsp
- Milk 3 tbsp
- Chocolate chips 3 tsp
- Vanilla essence 1/4 tsp



METHOD

● In a mug, add all-purpose flour/maida, baking powder, sugar and cocoa powder and give it a quick mix. ● To the same mixture, add melted butter, milk, vanilla extract, and some chocolate chips for a rich indulgence and mix until everything is well combined. ● Bake the cake for about 1 minute and 20 seconds in a microwave. ● Wait for it to cool down and enjoy.

NUGGETS

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Biryani for Children's Day

In association with Bengaluru Biryani Club, restaurant Pass Me The Curry has organised a Happiness Combo where with every biryani combo ordered, one kid combo will be donated to poor kids in the city. You can order directly from the brand or use delivery apps Swiggy and Zomato. One can also opt for takeaway.

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THIS ROMANTIC DRAMA COMES WITH ITS SHARE OF UPS AND DOWNS

A SHARADHAA

PREMAM Poojyam is about how external factors cause distractions in a love that is essentially divine and soulful. The film, which marks doctor-turned-director Raghavendra's debut traces a doctor's romantic life, his views about love, heartbreak and a lot more.

The film opens in a hospital and the protagonist, a famous cardiologist, Sri Hari (Prem), is treating a patient Joyitha (Aindrita Ray) who develops feelings for the doctor. She accidentally gets hold of his diary, and it takes us to a flashback. The film profiles the Mandya-based Sri Hari from his college days. A pure Kannadiga by heart, he aspires to become a doctor and his parents manage to admit him to a good college. While there, it is love at first sight for him when he sets his eyes on his collegemate Sherlyn (Brinda Acharya). For a person who treats 'love' as divine, and worships it, Sherlyn comes across as an angel. The first half of the story mostly revolves around the boy-meets-girl saga. Sri Hari doesn't really believe in physical intimacy be-

PREMAM POOJYAM
Cast: Prem, Brinda Acharya, and Aindrita Ray
Director: Dr Raghavendra

fore marriage, and is content with just seeing the love of his life. In fact, the story convincingly explores romance and religion through Prem and Sherlyn.

The actual picture begins when Sherlyn gets married, against her wishes, and leaves Shri Hari heartbroken. Taking control of his life, and coping with heartbreak, he goes on to become a well-known cardiologist in the city and finds happiness in serving people. But, in a twist of fate, his paths cross with Sherlyn yet again. Will this reunion be a positive or negative sign for Prem is what constitutes the rest of *Premam Poojyam*.

Raghavendra, a doctor by profession, fulfills his passion as a filmmaker and has taken a lot of responsibilities in his directorial debut. A subject like romance is simple, but difficult to convince. It does seem like he has taken a couple of pages from one's personal life and

added it to this film. His love for romantic films and Shah Rukh Khan is seen in *Premam Poojyam*, but he does get a bit carried away.

This film does have fascinating visuals but isn't quite a compelling watch. The romantic drama is too long for its own good. The director also enlightens us about Takotsubo cardiomyopathy, which is popularly known as broken heart syndrome. Naveen Kumar's brilliant cinematography is the highlight of the film. Prem, who is known for his romantic films, stands out with his performance and holds the film to some extent. Despite the screen space, Brinda Acharya doesn't manage to make the best use of it. Raghavendra could have utilised the presence of Aindrita Ray in a much better way. Even the humour portions featuring Sadhu Kokila and Anand doesn't really add much to the film.

Raghavendra, who also doubles up as the composer and lyricist of this film, has come up with 12 songs. While these are mostly interwoven into the story, it does extend the film's duration. *Premam Poojyam* is a film that attempts to explain the filmmaker's idea of purity of love, heartbreaks, and how it can be fixed, and has just like an ECG, it ends up with its fair share of ups and downs.



THIS FRIENDSHIP-BASED FILM IS A ONE-TIME WATCH

TOM AND JERRY

Cast: Nischith Korodi and Chaithra Rao
Director: Raaghav Vinay Shivagange

A SHARADHAA

RAAGHAV Vinay Shivagange's film, which holds an iconic title, *Tom and Jerry*, received a lot of attention with the song, *Hayagide Yedeyolage*.

The film, espousing middle-class values, is shown through the eyes of an orphan boy Dharma (Nischith Korodi). He is later adopted and starts living with his foster parents. Since childhood, his dream is to live a rich lifestyle and believes that only money is important in life. His journey brings out a reflection of life struggles, and he gets into a job out of family compulsion. However, life takes a turn for Dharma when he accidentally meets his childhood friend, Satya (Chaithra Rao). Their journey teaches each other some life lessons, and Dharma realises the joy of celebrating life, irrespective of status. This forms the crux of this friendship-based subject.

Tom and Jerry also gives you a look on the emotional impact of an adopted child, and the psychological issues they face in bonding with the parents. This slice of life film by Raaghav Vinay Shivagange is quite relatable. However, the director has tried to push this novel-based story into a commercial setup by bringing in an overdose of gang fights. This is yet another film that suffers from a long duration. The director, unfortunately, fills the film with repeated scenes and spends too much time on giving gyan.

For Nischith, who made his debut with a school-based subject, *Gantumote*, *Tom and Jerry* helps him to make a transition as a mass hero, and he has put his best foot forward. Chaithra Rao makes a difference with her role. She plays a rich girl, who wants to lead a normal life. It makes for a unique and colourful characterisation, and she does a convincing job. Tara and Jagadish come in supporting characters, and they are the film's soul.

With good compositions from Mathews Manu, overall *Tom and Jerry* makes it a one-time watch, and can definitely be enjoyed in the company of friends and family.



GREAT CAST, BUT THAT'S IT REALLY

RED NOTICE

Playing On: Netflix

Cast: Dwayne Johnson, Ryan Reynolds, Gal Gadot, Ritu Arya

Director: Rawson Marshall Thurber

SUDHIR SRINIVASAN

IT'S hard not to be excited when the likes of Dwayne Johnson, Ryan Reynolds, and Gal Gadot unite for a globe-trotting heist comedy. Between them, you know that they have comedy, action, style, charisma... all of it locked down. And yet, there's no evidence of this in the latest Netflix film, *Red Notice*. The rudimentary story setup isn't really the problem—good films of this genre make do with even worse. This film begins with FBI agent John Hartley (Dwayne Johnson), out to nab famous art thief, Nolan Booth (Ryan Reynolds), while The Bishop (Gal Gadot)—named for reasons I never truly understood—has a scheme of her own. There's something about Cleopatra's eggs—of the faberage variety—and how a fortune can be made out of collecting three of them that are, of course, placed across the world in clandestine locations. So far, so good, you think. Now, it's really up to the film and its cast to deliver on the promise of 'popcorn entertainment'. The film was acquired by an OTT platform, so that put paid to the popcorn. What about the entertainment then? Unfortunately, there's not much of it in this film that seems to mistake location-hopping for excitement.

Dwayne Johnson and Ryan Reynolds, in particular, have established themselves as expo-



nents in humour, and yet, despite all the screen-time they get, the film is found wanting both in humour and in the chemistry between these leads. Nolan's suggestions that John is in love with him, get tired some quickly, and yet, the film repeats this idea over and over again. The reveals in the film are insipid, and its many desperate attempts at witty one-liners, tasteless. Perhaps Ryan Reynolds' Nolan best summarises it all, when he looks frus-

trated that yet another clever plan of his has been thwarted by Gal Gadot's character, who conveniently steps in from nowhere—like in a bad stage play Nolan exclaims: "Your entrances are bull****!" It's hard not to agree with him.

There's a strange thread about father issues that connects all the main characters in this film. Nolan is the vic-

tim of a cold father, while John Hartley suffers from estrangement. Even the bad guy (Chris Diamantopoulos) confesses to having put a bullet in his father's head. These inorganic attempts to root the cold actions of the film's main characters in some deep, psychological damage, has only the effect of making you feel awkward—somewhat like John Hartley who feigns sleep, so he can sign out of Nolan's back story.

And it's all such a pity because right at the beginning, there's some evidence of what this film could have been. There's an imaginative stunt sequence choreographed on a scaffold, there's an entertaining chase that establishes Nolan's talents at wriggling out of tight corners. Perhaps buoyed by these ideas, the film slips into a state of languor, in the possible optimism that it can simply coast on average dialogues and convenient twists. Alas.

Right at the beginning, Dwayne's John Hartley, when on the heels of a suspect, forcibly takes possession of a gorgeous white Porsche, even as composer Steve Jablonsky shows his excitement with strains of happy rock. John takes a deep breath in the car's luxurious interiors and presses the ignition. Barely does he step on the accelerator when a van crashes into the car from nowhere, wrecking it. In a way, this scene succinctly summarises the film for me.

You get taken in by the early promise and wait to be thrilled, to be amused, to laugh out loud, to care, to be shocked by the twists... but perhaps the biggest shock is how this film, which crashes too soon like the Porsche, makes you feel nothing.



PASSING

Cast: Tessa Thompson, Ruth Negga, Andre Holland, Hugh Wentworth, Alexander Skarsgård

Director: Rebecca Hall

Streaming on: Netflix

KIRUBHAKAR PURUSHOTHAMAN

WHEN we first see Irene Redfield (Tessa Thompson), we really don't get to see her. She hides behind a lowered hat and looks anxious and nervous, a state we find her in most parts of the film. Irene is out shopping in New York and her anxiety is because she is passing—a term used to describe an act of a person projecting oneself as belonging to another race. In Irene's case, she is passing as white. Apart from the fear of being found, Irene is also tortured by the heat. To take cover, she ends up in a luxurious hotel of all places, which is predominantly white. There she runs into an old-time friend Clare Bellow (Ruth Negga), who is also passing. Unlike Irene, who seems to be doing it out of curiosity, Clare has transformed herself into this white woman married to a racist white man unaware of his wife's secret. What ensues is a brilliant and leisurely-paced drama that tells a layered story that leaves you with a lot to ponder about on the concept of identity.

Based on Nella Larsen's 1929 novel of the same name, *Passing*, the directorial debut of actor Rebecca Hall (The Prestige, Vicky Cristina Barcelona), is in the 4:3 aspect ratio which aids the fabulous performances of the two lead actors, Tessa Thompson and Ruth Negga. The film is also understandably shot in black and white, which establishes the lighter

A SUBTLE, COMPLEX DRAMA ABOUT RACE AND IDENTITY



skin of the African-American lead characters that distinguish them from their brethren. However, it brings out an irony that despite everything on the screen being black and white, the characters and the ideas are anything but. Take the case of Clare, for example. Though her act of passing is initially frowned upon and even censured by Reenie and Brian, they eventually warm up to her; as do we. On the other hand, the same could be said of Irene's predicament. On the surface, she is a brave black woman unflinching in her duties as a mom, and her welfare work for the community, including organising the Welfare League Dance. All this, despite having it in her skin to 'pass'. When the two first meet in the film, Clare asks the same to Rene, who is taken aback by the idea of it. Irene does come across as this modern woman any black girl would aspire to be in those times, and yet, we see that she is vulnerable, envious, and dicey. These stark ideas are handled with subtlety.

The whole film is so nuanced

that perfunctory viewings will do no justice. Take how Rebecca Hall establishes (a strong word for the film's subtlety) the building jealousy in Irene for Clare. In a scene Irene walks into her house carrying groceries and finds her housekeeper Zu (Ashley Ware Jenkins) and Clare lazing in the backyard under the sun. The camaraderie is evident. Irene asks Zu to get to work. When there is no response from Zu, she commands with authority. Yet, the focus is never on the jealousy Irene seems to be reeling from. You see this subtlety even when the film captures the sexual tension between Clare and Irene.

The whole Welfare League Dance sequence is at the heart of *Passing*. Irene's conversation with the event's special guest, white writer Hugh Wentworth (Bill Camp), gives a peek into her persona. Somewhere in that brilliant exchange, Hugh asks Irene why she wouldn't 'pass' when she could. Irene retorts, "Who's to say I am not?" And then adds, "We all of us (are) passing for something or the other." When the film ended, I wondered what I was passing as. If you watched this film, you would too.

